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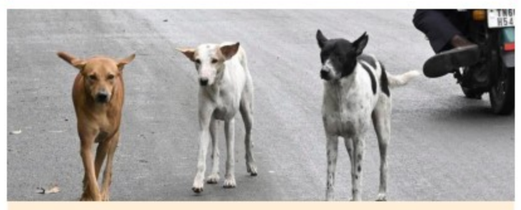

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Cyclone set to cross coast; red alert in 16 A.P. districts

Nellore Sravani
VIJAYAWADA

Cyclone Montha is very likely to cross the Andhra Pradesh coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam around Kakinada on Tuesday evening or night as a severe cyclonic storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 90-100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday. A red alert has been issued for 16 districts in the State on Tuesday.

The cyclonic storm triggered heavy rainfall in three north coastal districts and moderate rainfall in other stations of the State on Monday. Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, and Anakapalli received moderate to heavy rainfall.

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SIR 2.0 to begin in 12 States, U.T.s, cover 51 crore voters

EC says exercise will be held in poll-bound Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, and Puducherry; Assam, which votes next year, is not on list; Trinamool Congress and DMK have raised concerns

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Monday kicked off the second phase of the special intensive revision of voter lists in 12 States and Union Territories, including poll-bound Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, and Puducherry. The revision will cover 51 crore voters.

With the announcement of the second round, the voter lists of the States and Union Territories were set to be frozen from Monday midnight. For now, there will be no SIR in Assam, scheduled to go to the polls next year, and a separate order will be issued later.

"Under the Citizenship Act, there are separate provisions for citizenship in Assam. Under the supervision of the Supreme Court, the exercise of checking citizenship is about to be completed. The June 24 SIR order was for the entire country. Under such circumstances, this would not have applied to Assam," Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said at press conference.

The exercise will be in focus in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, where the ruling parties – the Trinamool Congress and DMK – have raised concerns. The SIR will be conducted in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep.

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Rolls revision

Phase 2 of the special intensive revision of electoral rolls will be held between November 2025 and February 2026 across 12 States and Union Territories, covering 51 crore voters

TIMELINE
- **Enumeration start:** November 4, 2025
- **Enumeration end:** December 4, 2025
- **Draft electoral rolls release:** December 9, 2025
- **Final electoral rolls publication:** February 7, 2026

The first phase of SIR was held in Bihar. FILE PHOTO

UNION TERRITORIES: Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Puducherry

STATES: Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, T.N., U.P., Bengal

DOCUMENT PROCESS
- No documents are to be collected from electors during the enumeration phase
- For electors who have not returned enumeration forms, the booth-level officer may identify a probable cause, such as death or duplication based on an enquiry from nearby electors and note the same
- These names will be displayed on boards of all panchayat and urban local body offices

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Farmers want PRR project scrapped

BENGALURU
The PRR Farmers' and Landlords' Association has petitioned the Governor to scrap the Peripheral Ring Road Phase I, alleging that the scheme has lapsed under the provisions of the BDA Act, 1976. » PAGE 2

'Top brass will decide on CM issue'

MANGALURU/BENGALURU
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Mangaluru on Monday reiterated that the Congress high command will take a call on whether or not to continue him as the Chief Minister.

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Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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The Constitutional Fundamental duty of every Indian is to protect public property and renounce violence

A BG-BGE

India has a good chance to qualify for the 2027 World championships

The National volleyball team's head coach hails the immense potential of the country's players; hopeful of better times for the sport; says the PVL helps the spikers be in a professional environment

INTERVIEW

Dragan Mihailovic

K. Keerthivasan

Serbia's Dragan Mihailovic, the Indian men's volleyball team head coach never gets tired talking about the immense potential the Indian players possess and how the system has failed them.

In his new role as head of the Technical Committee in the fourth edition of Prime Volleyball League (PVL) in Hyderabad, the 64-year-old said India had a good chance to qualify for the 2027 World championships – it has qualified only twice (1952, '56) – and the time to prepare is now. The deadlock in the Volleyball Federation of India has affected the team's training in a big way. Dragan is, however, hopeful that the impasse will end soon and Indian volleyball can get back to normalcy soon.

"I can say that the role of Technical Committee in PVL has been difficult, a big responsibility. So far, I'm enjoying it, helping Indian referees," said Mihailovic.

In an exclusive chat with *The Hindu*, Mihailovic also spoke about the experience as a referee during his playing days and the joy of coaching the National senior team and the way forward, among other things. *Excerpts:*

SIDDHANT THAKUR

You've been a coach of several various leagues, various National teams. What prompted you to take up the new role in PVL?

To be honest, I was thinking whether to accept it or not. But I thought to myself. 'I will have the chance to see all our players (to be picked) for the national team.'

This is very important for the head coach of the team, especially to see all the young players. Moreover, the rule in PVL is that every team has to have at least one player aged under 21. It's very important for me as the head coach of the National team to be able to see young players, because a majority of them are used to playing outdoors in local tournaments.

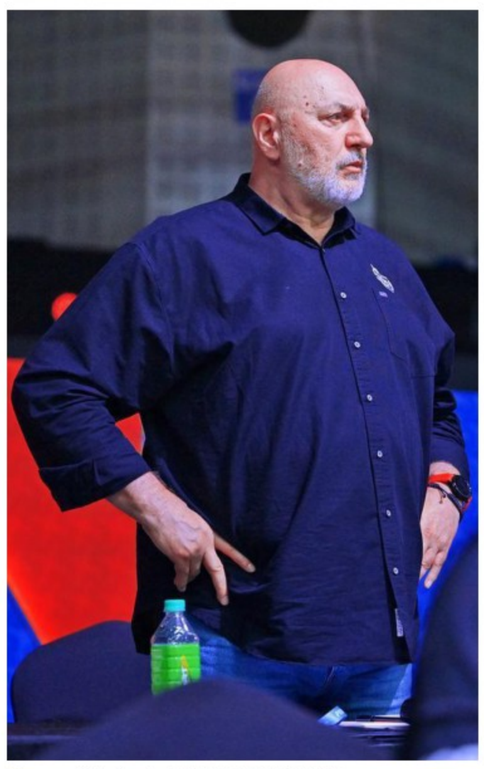
With the best of facilities at the PVL, the players can put their best foot forward...

Watching players when they play outdoors is not the best possible way to judge him/her. With the PVL, it's completely different. The standards are high and on par with Europe. Indian players are motivated to give their best. In my new role, I am able to follow the tournament from the first day until the end, and watch the young players in action. Having worked with the National team, I understand the immense potential of Indian volleyball. And PVL offers an opportunity for them to be in a professional environment.

And having somebody like me with a huge experience in coaching is a bonus. I think that is a win-win combination. Referees will be happy to have somebody who can help them provide some valuable suggestions or advice especially during difficult games. Someone who can stay behind the referees, giving them some help to take some difficult decision to make PVL successful.

The world body (FIVB) has provided full support to the PVL because they know that our players don't have too many international matches.

You've largely been a coach for leagues across the country and for National teams such as Hong Kong, Lebanon, UAE, Yugoslavia and Canada. Is this your first big role in a different position?



Dragan Mihailovic. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

I have been a referee since 1982 in one of the young and talented clubs in Serbia when I was playing. The club president use to watch us train. During matches, we used to argue for everything. The president told us: 'All of you must do a certification course because you guys argue a lot'. He made it mandatory. We all took our referee licence. Of course, I have spent all my life on the bench, dealing with referees.

For the first time, I am the head of a Technical Committee, but I can say that it's been difficult, a big responsibility. So far, I'm enjoying it, helping Indian referees. India is not an easy place for the referees. Players have the mindset that it's never their mistake! It's always the referees who make mistakes.

There are teams in every match which make many mistakes but if a referee makes a few mistakes, they make a hue and cry. For them, one short message is better to stay focused in your performance than think about a referee who is doing his job.

How many matches have you done as a referee at the lower level?

I have done a lot of school competitions, primary and secondary, in Serbia. Now, I'm just a referee during the training of the National team.

What has been your observation of the Indian referees?

Everything is fine so far. One or two small mistakes during a game is nothing. These things at the highest level.

I have had the chance to be a coach at the Olympics, World Championships and the European Championships and top leagues in Europe. Too many things happen at that level. The level of the referees is at least one step higher than last season of PVL.

There have been lot of innovations in the PVL such as Super Serve, Super Point, heart rate monitoring etc...Which one, according to you has been received well by fans, officials and players alike?

It's Super Point. It's not new in PVL, though. I remember when I was coaching in Greece, after the Atlanta Olympics in 1999-2000, the Greek Federation was using the Super Serve for a season.

They did not continue with it because there were too many close matches that were decided with one or two good serves. Especially in the set, which is a 15-point affair, it can make a huge impact on a team that can win through a Super Point.

How has the review system changed from the previous edition of PVL?

It's much more precise. This year, it is one step forward. And I believe from next year, it will be even better because I got credible information that PVL will have a technology similar to the ones used in ATP tennis. The replay will play on the tab in front of first referee. The challenge system will be even better than now.

How has been your experience of being the Indian head coach?

I worked with the National men's team for a while in 2019 and from March 2024 till now, I've been in charge. India is a beautiful country. I've made lots of new relationships and friendships. Most important is that India has great potential in volleyball. The question is how we can organise ourselves and work efficiently to make Indian volleyball a force to reckon with at the international level.

After the Indian men's team won the silver in the CAVA men's Nations league in June last year, there has been no international exposure for the team...

It's not easy. Unfortunately, the men's National team has worked for just 21 days last year. I don't know what to say... I cannot understand this. I always give this as an example.

Serbia has won medals in tennis, basketball, handball and water polo and it's smaller than Bengaluru (14 million population). We are less than seven million [6.7 million].

India can perform better as it has a huge potential. The recipe is really very simple.

From May when all the important championships around the world finish till September is the crucial period for the Indian National team.

In September-October, there is the Cub Championships where the players need to play, need to have the exposure to play against the national teams with a different style of volleyball.

Can India ever qualify for the Olympics?

It is very difficult to be part of the Olympics. You need to win the continental competition, and after that win quite a few very tough tournaments to secure a spot at the Olympics.

It's easier to make the first step through the World championships.

From this year, the organisers have expanded the teams to 32. I hope that if the powers-that-be allow us to start working immediately after the PVL, and there is some indication that normally we can expect some good news, we have hope to make it to the big event.

The year 2027 is a big, big chance for India to be part of the World championships.

And I think this will be the huge in generally, not only for the volleyball, but for all sports in India.

We have two years to secure a place in the World championships through the FIVB rankings or the qualification tournament.

SIDDHANT THAKUR

Farmers' association petitions govt. to scrap PRR Project

'The scheme has lapsed and cash compensation is undervalued since guideline values have not been revised since 2006'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a memorandum submitted on Monday, the association says the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) has failed to comply with the BDA Act, 1976. FILE PHOTO

The PRR Farmers' and Landlords' Association (PRR Raitha Haagu Niveshanadarara Sangha) has petitioned the Karnataka Governor to scrap the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) Phase I, now renamed the Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC), alleging that the scheme has lapsed under the provisions of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) Act, 1976, and that the compensation options offered to landowners were unjust.

In a memorandum submitted on Monday, the association said the BDA has failed to comply with Section 27 of the BDA Act, 1976, which stipulates that if no award is passed within five years of a scheme's final notification, the acquisition proceedings lapse.

The association noted that the final notification for PRR was issued on June 29, 2007, and no award or possession has taken place even after 18 years. It has sought the quashing of the project alleging that the BDA is proceeding with land acquisition despite the scheme losing its legal validity.

Referring to a recent Government Order dated October 17, 2025, which directed the BDA to finalise awards for affected landowners by offering five compensation options, including cash payment, Transferable Development Rights (TDR), additional Floor Area Ratio (FAR), developed residential land, and developed commercial land, the association termed the offers 'an eyewash' and 'a fraud played on farmers and landowners'.

It argued that cash compensation is undervalued since guideline values have not been revised since 2016.

Acquisition costs

The BDA Commissioner wrote to the State government then, requesting that land rates under PRR not be increased, allegedly to reduce acquisition costs.

"The TDRs lack a robust legal framework and are prone to speculation and manipulation. The FAR incentives, introduced under the new policy in February 2025, have lost significance as road-widening and urban planning objectives remain unmet. Moreover, 40% developed residential plots as compensation is calculated based on outdated guideline values that fail to reflect current market rates and 35% developed commercial land adjacent to the project area is legally untenable," the association said, pointing out that only the required 65 metres of land be acquired instead of 100 metres.

It also alleged that the BDA has failed to prepare a Detailed Project Report, conduct a Social Impact Assessment, or obtain environmental clearance from the National Green Tribunal.

The farmers' body demanded that the Governor direct the BDA to amend its act, rectify constitutional violations, and issue a No Objection Certificate to over 20,000 affected families if the government fails to bring necessary reforms.

BTC awaiting proposal from govt. on proposed alternative location

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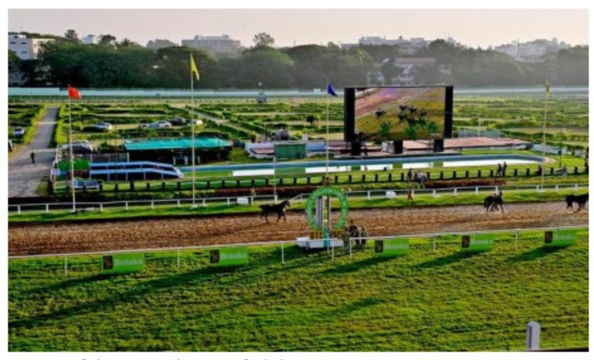
A view of the Bangalore Turf Club. FILE PHOTO

The managing committee of the Bangalore Turf Club that met here on Monday agreed in-principle to shift racing activities from the present location and is hoping for a firm proposal on the proposed location from the State government to place it before the extraordinary general body meeting (EGM).

BTC sources said that the meeting saw participation of at least six former chairmen of BTC, during which the government's proposal to move the racing activities outside the city was approved.

"There are certain rules and regulations to convene the EGM. Only after the government provides a proposal specifying the location of the litigation-free uninterrupted land that it can be formally placed before the EGM. We are awaiting the government's move." While the State government wants the BTC to withdraw the petition in the Supreme Court, it has indicated that the racing activities could be moved to the historic stud farm at Kunigal. On the other hand, the BTC having agreed to both the conditions, wants to retain 6.5 acres on the existing premises to continue with the club activities. The managing committee meeting follows a surprise visit by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to the BTC on Sunday during which he asked the BTC officials to hasten the process of shifting out.

'Black hole activities suppress the birth of new stars around it'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A new study led by astronomers at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) has found that black hole activities suppress the birth of new stars around it. Supermassive black holes at the centres of galaxies are known to drive outflows of gas, and astronomers have long studied how feedback processes from these outflows can in turn determine the evolution of these galaxies.

However, a key puzzle has been to understand the relative influence of this gas outflow versus radiation from the central regions on the behaviour and evolution of the host galaxy.

The astronomers have uncovered key insights into these powerful forces shaping the universe. The Department of Science and Technology said that the study reveals that both intense radiation from around the black holes as well as the high-speed jets they emit can work together to eject gas from the centres of galaxies, potentially shutting down star formation in their central regions and regulating galactic growth. Using cutting-edge archival data from international astronomical facilities like the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Telescope at optical wavelengths and the Very Large Array (VLA) at radio wavelengths, both located in the United States, the researchers studied over 500 relatively nearby galaxies hosting active galactic nuclei (AGN).

"AGN are energetic galaxy centres that emit copious radiation and gas, powered by matter falling onto their supermassive black holes, many millions of times more massive than our Sun," the department said. "We found that outflows of warm ionized gas are widespread in AGN, and while radiation from the black hole is the main driver, galaxies with radio jets show significantly faster and more energetic outflows," said Payel Nandi, a Ph.D. student at IIA and the lead author of the study. Their investigation further showed that such outflows, which are high-speed streams of gas pushed out from galactic centres, are more than twice as likely in galaxies detected in radio wavelengths (56%) compared to those without radio emission (25%).

"These powerful winds can travel at speeds of up to 2,000 km per second, fast enough to escape the gravitational pull of the galaxy itself," the department said.

Dhruba J. Saikia from the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics and co-author said that these findings are an important step in understanding the complex inter-relationships between supermassive black holes, radio jets, star formation, and evolution of their host galaxies.

Drug peddler arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The sleuths of the Organised Crime wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) arrested a 30-year-old drug peddler and recovered a country-made pistol, along with four rounds of ammunition, from him, recently.

The accused was identified as Roshan Ahmed, a resident of BTM layout.

Based on a tip-off, the sleuths caught him. Before being caught, he was allegedly preparing to commit a crime near the Indian Oil Petrol Bunk at Suddaguntepalya.

Upon interrogation, Ahmed reportedly revealed that he was involved in peddling drugs and purchased the illegal pistol and ammunition from a person in Madhya Pradesh.

Forum objects to restricting sports and extracurricular activities for class X students

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Child Rights Protection Commission (KSCRPC) has objected to reduced sports, physical education, and extracurricular activities during school hours for class X students in many high schools across the State in view of the main exams to be held in March 2026. K.T. Tippeswamy, a member of the commission, has written to the Commissioner of Department Public Instruction (DPI) in this regard requesting him to issue appropriate directions to officials concerned to make it mandatory to conduct sports and other extracurricular activities as per the department's rules and school schedule, for class X students as well.

In his letter, Mr. Tippeswamy said that during his interactions with children in various high schools, he has observed that many class X students were not participating in the sports and other extracurricular activities. "It is ironic that children's extracurricular activities and sports are being restricted for the school to achieve good results. This also has a negative impact on children's learning," the letter stated.

"At least four periods a week are dedicated to extracurricular activities, including sports and physical education. Play sessions are very important and will improve academics as well," he told *The Hindu*.

Committee to regulate public transport fares

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has amended its Motor Vehicle Rules to set up a Public Transport Fare Regulatory Committee that will function along the lines of the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, ensuring that any fare revision for State-run transport corporations is based on financial analysis and public interest. According to Transport Department officials, the committee will be headed by a retired official or judge and will study the financial health of transport corporations, including the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, and other two transport corporations.

Primary role

"Its primary role will be to assess the operational and financial performance of these corporations and recommend fare revisions, surcharges, or other corrective measures as needed," the officials said.

The notification also empowers the committee to suggest steps to enhance operational efficiency and financial sustainability.

THE HINDU IN SCHOOL PRESENTS SCHOOL BUZZ
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EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO DUBAI

St Claret School organised an enriching international trip to Dubai and Abu Dhabi for a group of 27 members, including 12 students, 15 teachers, and the Principal. The journey combined education with entertainment, covering numerous iconic landmarks. Highlights included visits to the Burj Khalifa, the Dubai Mall, and the innovative Museum of the Future. The group also experienced an exhilarating Desert Safari, explored the Palm Jumeirah monorail, and visited the culturally significant Abrahamic Family House. The educational tour concluded with a visit to SeaWorld Abu Dhabi, providing the team with lasting memories.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET CELEBRATED

SJR Public School, Rajajinagar, celebrated their Annual Sports Meet, 'SJR Khelo Sprint Fest – 2025', with great enthusiasm and spirit. The event was graced by chief guest Sri Mohan Shankar Reddy and special guest of honour Smt. Deepa Nagesh, along with the school management and the principal. The programme began with flag hoisting, a march-past, and lighting of the Olympic torch. Students displayed their skill through vibrant drills and competitive track and field events. Winners received medals and certificates, marking a spirited celebration of teamwork and sportsmanship.

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

St. Joseph's Pre-University College achieved remarkable success at the District Level Taekwondo Tournament organised by the Pre-University Education Board and held at Indian Academy PU College. Competing among participants from around 50 colleges, the team secured four gold, two silver, and two bronze medals. The achievement was lauded by Fr Ashwin Cordeiro SJ (Campus Animator), Fr Joy Rodrigues SJ (Director), Ms Nirmala Raghunandan (Principal), Ms Mini Saji (Vice-Principal), Mr Sandesh (Sports Director), and Mr Venkat (Sports Assistant), who congratulated the winners Rohith, Rahman, Yaiphaba, Arjun, Laabh, Sanjay, and Melvin for their outstanding performance.

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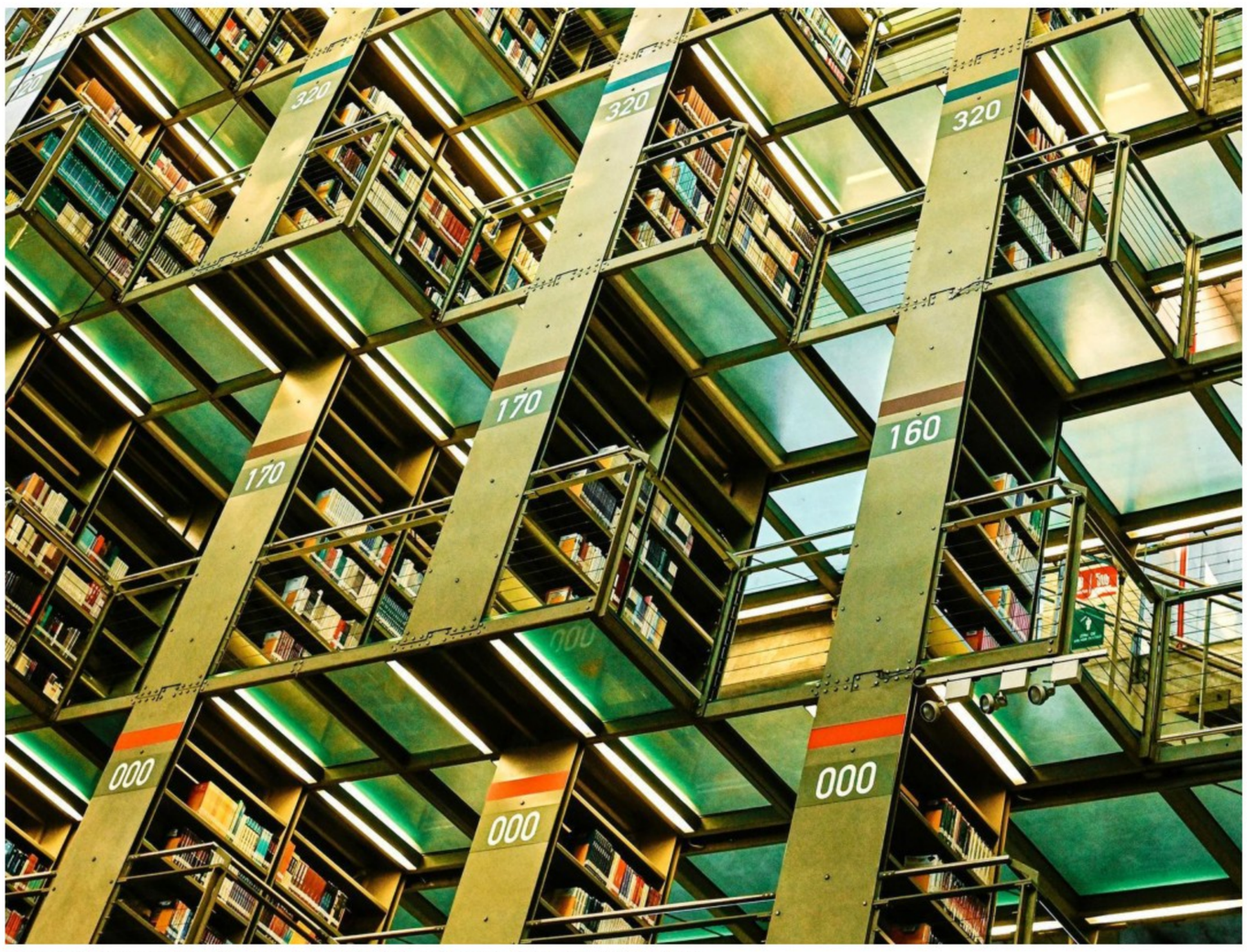
Stanford/Elsevier's rank list: why all that glitters is not gold

Scientists are often evaluated by the number of citations they have garnered. However, there has been a naïve assumption that scientists always cite only good-quality papers, which in turn has fed the notion that a paper's citation number is indicative of its impact. But this needn't always be true

Swaminathan S

Stanford University professor John Ioannidis recently published the latest version of the list of the world's top 2% of scientists. Its release every year causes much excitement among scientists and their institutions. And every year for a few weeks after, hardly a day passes without multiple announcements of the presence of Indian scientists on this list by many institutions, from well-known to obscure, on various media platforms. They tout the honour as recognition of their scientific excellence; indeed, many of these institutes even claim the achievement wouldn't have been possible without their role in creating and sustaining an enabling research environment.

The 2025 list was published in September and ranked around 2.3 lakh scientists worldwide – themselves filtered out of a pool of 2.2 crore. This supposedly exalted fraction, which included several Nobel laureates, also counted 6,239 scientists from India. This number has been steadily increasing over the last few years.



The vast majority of scientific research today builds on the work of others. GIRLWITHREDHAT

Link to quality

The top 10 scientists from India in the 2025 list have been ranked 288 to 952 and are with Muthayammal Engineering College (Tamil Nadu), University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (Uttarakhand), Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Punjab), Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (Uttar Pradesh), Sikkim University, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (Karnataka), Saveetha School of Engineering (Tamil Nadu), Government Degree College Pulwama (Jammu & Kashmir), and S.V. National Institute of Technology (Gujarat).

This picture was more or less the same in 2024, when the top 10 Indian scientists were ranked 163 to 1568 and lesser-known institutions dominated.

Curiously, six of the seven science Nobel laureates on the list ranked 1,373-28,782 – far lower than the lowest ranked (top 10) Indian scientist. Indeed, to say that it is pretty astounding that even the lowest Indian scientist (top 10) performed way better on this list than all but one of the Nobel laureates is an understatement.

Whether this gap is actually linked to research quality in a meaningful way is, however, a separate question – one also elicited by the fact that the top 10 scientists are not affiliated with Indian research centres generally associated with excellent R&D. To understand this disconnect, we need to understand what scientific research is and how it is routinely evaluated in the prevailing academic ecosystem.

Standing on shoulders

Scientific research begins when scientists have a question about some observation that has caught their interest. They formulate a hypothesis and test it with experiments. Depending on the needs of each experiment, they may devise tools, interact with other scientists to get different perspectives, gather evidence, and analyse it to draw conclusions. Then they write up their findings in reports, commonly known as papers, which are reviewed by their peers and published in scientific journals. These papers bear the names of the scientists, so the scientists are also called authors.

The vast majority of scientific research today builds on the work of others. So the authors of a paper cite an older paper – like an acknowledgment that also adds one more link to the chain of knowledge – where its findings are relevant in their current work. When one paper has been cited by another paper once, it's said to have accrued one citation.

Scientists' work is often evaluated by the number of citations their papers have garnered. But there is a catch: there has been a naïve assumption for a while now that scientists always only cite good-quality papers, which in turn has fed the notion that a paper's citation number is indicative of its impact. But there is no need for this to always be true.

Evaluating science

Prof. Ioannidis prepares his list based on a global database of published research called Scopus. It is owned by Elsevier, a publishing company that is often accused of taking advantage of the "publish or perish" culture in academia to earn profits rivalling those of Google and Microsoft.

For his analysis, Prof. Ioannidis developed a composite score, called c-score, for each scientist in Scopus and ranked them in descending order of their c-scores.

The c-score gives equal weightage to multiple parameters, including the total number of citations, the *h*-index (a metric that links the citation number to the number of papers published by a scientist), the number of papers, the order of authors in papers, co-authorship, and so on. The ranking also includes scientists across several different fields and sub-fields.

Like many metrics that flatten the multi-dimensional enterprise that is scientific research into one-dimensional numbers, the c-score is a vanity metric. Researchers and employers should focus on good research, and the research establishment should focus on facilitating that – rather than chasing numbers

Comparing scientists in this way, across a breadth of enterprises, is generally considered problematic, like comparing apples to oranges.

Also, contrary to popular perception, Stanford University neither participates in the ranking process nor endorses the list. The effort is the individual initiative of Prof. Ioannidis.

Nobel Prize v. c-score

To understand why Indian scientists from little known research centres rank above Nobel laureates on the list, the c-score is a good starting point. While Prof. Ioannidis and some others have said it provides a more comprehensive snapshot of a scientist's impact, it has serious limitations. It gives extra weight to papers where the scientist is the first, single, or last author, assuming that these positions imply major intellectual contribution, but this practice is not uniform across fields; it doesn't account for differences in citation practices between fields; it assumes the Scopus database covers all disciplines equally (it doesn't); and it ignores quantitative impact.

The final effect is for a scientist's c-score to be divorced from the actual scientific content of their work, especially in terms of its quality, validity, and contribution to science and society. Indeed, despite their other flaws, the process of identifying Nobel prize-winning scientists takes into account all that the c-score misses.

As with all metrics, the c-score can also be gamed, especially by individuals who pre-agree to cite each other's papers irrespective of the quality of their own papers or whether the citations are appropriate and warranted. This much is evident from the impossibly high levels of productivity – 1-2 papers per week – of many highly ranked Indian scientists. The rankings also don't account for papers that are later retracted for misconduct, such as by including a penalty in the c-score formula. Indeed, the Scopus database itself includes many dubious journals and publishers with little respect for research ethics.

Without understanding the c-score in this way, one is liable to interpret Indian scientists outranking Nobel laureates in Prof. Ioannidis' list as the former's overlooked greatness – but one shouldn't be forgiven for doing so. Like many other metrics that flatten the multi-dimensional enterprise that is scientific research into one-dimensional numbers, the c-score is fundamentally a vanity metric. Instead, researchers and their employers should focus on doing good research, and the research establishment should focus on facilitating that – rather than chase numbers.

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Restaurant owner Xia Juan serves steamed hairy crabs in Suzhou, Jiangsu province, China. REUTERS

Heatwaves in China threaten to dry up the supply of tasty hairy crabs

Reuters

The last three years have been the toughest for Xie Dandan and her family during more than a decade cultivating one of China's most esteemed culinary delicacies, the "hairy crab," named for its furry claws.

"From 2022, it feels like the weather has been getting worse every year," said the 34-year-old, standing amid tanks filled with the crabs, coveted for their sweet flesh and golden roe, while she wrapped some in straw to prepare them for customers.

"We've come to mentally prepare for these losses."

Xie is among the farmers at Yangcheng Lake in the eastern province of Jiangsu being forced to devise new ways to keep the crustaceans alive, as unusually high temperatures and longer-than-expected summers have disrupted breeding cycles since 2022.

The Chinese mitten crabs, as they are also known, can sell for hundreds of dollars when exported in sets of four to countries such as Singapore and Japan.

"Those who work in agriculture are at the mercy of the sky," said Xie, whose community reeled last year from losses caused by the strongest typhoon to hit the east coast since 1949, ripping out nets and shutting down oxygenation systems.

Heat can kill crabs as they shed their shells and delay maturity. In 2022, farmers dumped blocks of ice into the water to cool it

Higher temperatures than usual spell a triple threat for the crabs by slowing their growth, reducing the amount of oxygen in the water, and boosting the growth of bacteria, said Kenneth Leung, a marine environment expert at the City University of Hong Kong.

Hopes for a bumper harvest this year were crushed by summer temperatures around the lake in Suzhou city, famed for some of the tastiest crabs, which stayed above 30 degrees C until late October, delaying their maturity.

The labour-intensive cultivation of the crabs begins with farmers growing their larvae in ponds for about a year before they are moved to fenced farms within the lake for the creatures to molt, or shed their outer shells, as they grow.

Molting happens about five times between March and the traditional end-September start of the harvest, Xie said.

But stronger heat can kill crabs as they shed their shells, in addition to the delay in maturity caused by longer summers. In 2022, farmers dumped blocks of ice into the water to cool it, Xie said.

Some of eastern China's hottest and longest summers in the last three years have brought temperatures of 40 degrees C or higher on consecutive days.

In September, weather officials said this year's summer was China's hottest since 1961, while northern rains were the longest in the same period, bringing disruptions that scientists have linked to climate change.

Leung suggested selective breeding as a possible solution, by choosing crabs with a greater tolerance of higher temperatures for breeding.

Authorities expect the lake to yield a harvest of 10,350 metric tonnes this year, roughly in line with previous years' figures, except for 9,900 tonnes last year.

While crab farmers may pray for better weather next year, they know they ultimately have little control, Xie added.

"We can only see whether the hairy crabs will be able to adapt, and if they can't, then maybe this industry will just be eliminated."

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THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Isomers: same formula, different persona

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

This hydrocarbon has the same formula as octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene but forces its carbon atoms to bond to each other at right angles, forming an almost perfect cube. Since carbon-carbon bonds don't like this angle, the compound is famous for its extreme strain energy. Name this hydrocarbon.

QUESTION 2

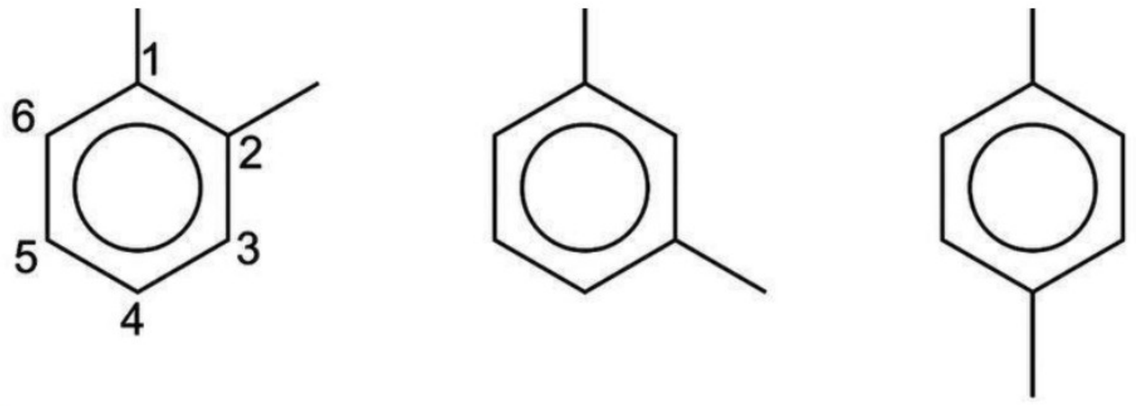
This square-planar platinum complex comes in two forms called cis and trans. Curiously, only the cis form is medically useful because it can crosslink DNA in cancer cells, killing them. Despite having an identical formula, the trans version is biologically inactive. Name the complex.

QUESTION 3

This ring-shaped molecule with alternating double bonds is both aromatic and a building block of countless chemicals, from dyes to drugs. Its hexagonal symmetry made it the first molecule drawn with a circle inside a ring. Name it. Hint: It's an isomer of 1,2,3-cyclohexatriene.

QUESTION 4

This class of polycyclic aromatic compounds twist into screw-like shapes, showing chirality (or handedness) even though they contain no chiral centres. Their shapes make them optically active and useful in applications involving circularly polarised light, which increases contrast and reduces glare. Name the class.



Visual: Name this compound. It can exist in three forms, or isomers, as shown here, differing by the relative position of the two methyl groups (-CH_3) attached to it. FVASCONCELLOS (CC BY-SA)

QUESTION 5

An isomer of naphthalene named for its deep blue hue, this compound defies expectations by having a dipole moment and a visible colour despite being aromatic — a contradiction. Its structure links a five-membered and a seven-membered ring that share electrons in an unusual way.

Answers to October 23 quiz:

1. Most accepted theory of solar system formation – Ans: **Nebular hypothesis**
2. Process in which dust, rock particles stuck together – Ans: **Accretion**
3. Early line that separated rocky and gaseous/icy planets – Ans: **Frost line**
4. Model about giant planets' formation and final locations – Ans: **Nice model**
5. Timescale on which solar system could become chaotic – Ans: **Lyapunov time**

Visual: **Kuiper Belt**

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Ramalinga Reddy flags poor performance of e-bus operators

'Percentage of cancellations in GCC-operated e-buses was three times higher than that of BMTC's conventional diesel fleet'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy has written to Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy raising serious concerns over the "poor performance and lack of accountability" among private operators managing electric buses under the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model in Bengaluru.

Sharing his letter to the Union Minister at a press conference held on Monday (October 27, 2025), Mr. Reddy said several operators, including NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam, Tata Motors Limited (TML) Smart City Mobility Solutions, Switch Mobility, and OHM Global Mobility, have fallen significantly short of expected service standards which resulted in breakdowns, frequent strikes, and passenger inconvenience. While lauding the Centre's push for electric mobility under FAME-II and CESL initiatives, Mr. Reddy said the operational efficiency of these firms has stained the reputation of both Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation as well as the city as a progressive metropolis.

The lack of structured driver training, poor vehicle maintenance, and reduced manpower deployment as low as 1.9 to 2.0 employees per bus against the required 2.3, have led to service disruptions and a spike in accidents. FILE PHOTO

The lack of structured driver training, poor vehicle maintenance, and reduced manpower deployment as low as 1.9 to 2.0 employees per bus against the required 2.3 have led to service disruptions and a spike in accidents.

Cancellations triple

Data furnished by Mr. Reddy shows that the percentage of cancellations in GCC-operated e-buses was nearly three times higher than that of BMTC's conventional diesel fleet. For instance, electric buses operated by TML reported 3.86% cancellations, while those under OHM recorded 10.81%. Similarly, the number of breakdowns, particularly due to battery failures, was high with 2,120 incidents reported by TML alone between 2023 and 2025.

Mr. Reddy highlighted that the BMTC's diesel buses, which run over 65,000 trips daily with 5,423 vehicles, maintain a low accident rate of 0.05 per lakh kilometre. In contrast, the electric buses record 0.07 accidents per lakh kilometres.

Meanwhile, the Transport Minister also drew attention to frequent flash strikes by electric bus drivers over salary delays and festival bonuses, resulting in large-scale service cancellations and heavy revenue losses. Between 2024 and 2025, the BMTC reportedly lost ₹92.90 lakh in revenue from three private operators due to these strikes, with thousands of kilometres of scheduled trips cancelled.

"Systemic negligence and absence of accountability have even resulted in fatalities. Twenty four fatal accidents were recorded in 2023 to 2025 (till September) under the purview of GCC operators," Mr. Reddy said. Seeking the Centre's immediate intervention, Mr. Reddy urged Mr. Kumaraswamy to conduct a comprehensive performance review of all GCC operators under FAME-II and CESL projects, with particular emphasis on safety compliance and driver training.

Fact sheet

Type of accident	Fatal	Major	Minor	Total
2023–24	3	1	2	6
2024–25	11	4	14	29
2025–26*	10	11	14	35

(*April to Sept. 2025) | *Source: Karnataka Transport Department*

'Install meters at convenient points'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Bescom) has urged consumers to ensure that their electricity meters are installed in easily accessible locations to facilitate accurate meter reading using optical port probe technology.

In a statement, the Bescom said that many meters have been fixed at elevated or hard-to-reach spots, making it difficult for meter readers to record consumption data.

To address this issue, the Bescom has requested consumers to position their electricity meters at a height of 5 to 5.5 ft from the ground level. The company said that compliance with this guideline would ensure smooth and timely generation of electricity bills through the new digital reading system.

WhatsApp helplines for Bengaluru Urban district

- South Circle: 8277884011
- West Circle: 8277884012
- East Circle: 8277884013
- North Circle: 8277884014

For other districts

- Kolar: 8277884015
- Chickballapur: 8277884016
- Bengaluru Rural: 8277884017
- Bengaluru South: 8277884018
- Tumakuru: 8277884019
- Chitradurga: 8277884020
- Davangere: 8277884021

Complaints

The Bescom also requested farmers and the general public to register electricity-related complaints through its helpline number 1912 or via WhatsApp helpline numbers designated for each district.

Consumers facing transformer failures, power outages, or other supply issues are advised to the helpline number to log complaints. In case the helpline is unavailable, they can send a WhatsApp message to the number specific to their area.

Hubballi-based contractor found dead in lodge

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

A 40-year-old civil contractor and hotelier from Hubballi, Anand Umesh Hegde, was found dead in his room at Dakshayini Lodge in Huvinahadagali town of Vijayanagara district on Sunday night. A resident of Bhavani Nagar, Hubballi, Hegde was in Huvinahadagali to oversee work on the taluk sports complex, a development and renovation project for which he had secured the contract. Police said the incident came to light on Monday morning when Hegde's family members, who were unable to reach him over phone, contacted the lodge staff. After repeated knocks on his door went unanswered, the staff alerted the police. Upon arrival, the police opened the door and found Hegde dead, hanging from a window grill using a piece of cloth. A case has been registered at the Huvinahadagali Police Station

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN at 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

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Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter & Half Year Ended 30th September 2025
Particulars | Quarter Ended 30th Sept 2025 | Quarter Ended 30th Sept 2024 | Change / Growth%
CASA | 15,163 | 13,873 | 9.30%
DEPOSIT | 55,421 | 49,342 | 12.32%
ADVANCE | 46,930 | 42,533 | 10.34%
RAM | 44,392 | 39,277 | 13.02%
TOTAL BUSINESS | 1,02,351 | 91,875 | 11.40%
NET PROFIT | 318 | 303 | 4.95%
NET WORTH | 9444 | 8430 | 12.03%
GROSS NPA (%) | 1.01% | 1.37% | 36 bps
NET NPA (%) | 0.26% | 0.46% | 20 bps
PCR Ratio* (%) | 74.36% | 66.40% | 796 bps
*without technical write-off
Sl. No. | Particulars | Quarter Ended 30.09.2025 (Unaudited) | Quarter Ended 30.06.2025 (Unaudited) | Quarter Ended 30.09.2024 (Unaudited) | Half Year Ended 30.09.2025 (Unaudited) | Half Year Ended 30.09.2024 (Unaudited) | Year Ended 31.03.2025 (Audited)
1. Total Income from Operations | 1621.46 | 1617.47 | 1564.88 | 3238.93 | 3079.75 | 6141.75
2. Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 432.42 | 403.92 | 400.27 | 836.34 | 783.67 | 1574.89
3. Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 432.42 | 403.92 | 400.27 | 836.34 | 783.67 | 1574.89
4. Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 317.51 | 304.89 | 303.18 | 622.40 | 590.47 | 1182.61
5. Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive Income (after tax) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA
6. Equity Share Capital | 158.35 | 158.35 | 158.35 | 158.35 | 158.35 | 158.35
7. Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous Year | - | - | - | - | - | 8850.34
8. Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) 1. Basic: (in ₹) | *20.05 | *19.25 | *19.15 | *39.31 | *37.29 | 74.68
2. Diluted: (in ₹) | *20.05 | *19.25 | *19.15 | *39.31 | *37.29 | 74.68
₹ in Crores
*Not annualised
NOTE: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Half yearly Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Half yearly Financial Results is available on the website of the Stock Exchange(s) (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and on the Bank's Website (www.tmb.bank.in). 2. Information relating to Total comprehensive income and other comprehensive income is not furnished as Ind-AS is not yet made applicable to banks.
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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Worth of e-commerce exports crossed by Amazon in India

20 In $ billion. Amazon announced that it has surpassed $20 billion in cumulative e-commerce exports from India between 2015 and 2025 through its Global Selling program. The company said it remains on track to reach $80 billion in exports by 2030. PTI

New sewage treatment plants being constructed by DJB

10 The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has begun constructing Decentralised Sewage Treatment Plants (DSTPs) across Delhi to tackle pollution in the Yamuna River. Unlike large-scale STPs, these compact units will be set up along drains and in areas lacking sewage infrastructure. PTI

Afghan nationals held in Mumbai for residing illegally in India

6 The Mumbai Police have arrested six Afghan nationals for residing in India illegally using fake identities. The crime branch detained the men from Colaba and Dharavi areas on Sunday. The accused had entered India between 2015 and 2019 on medical visas and stayed back after their visas expired. PTI

The bribe taken by a government official in Rajasthan

90 In ₹ thousand. The Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested an assistant administrative officer, Nirmal Soni, posted at the Sardarshahar tehsil office in Rajasthan's Churu district, for allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹90,000. Officials said Soni had demanded ₹1 lakh. PTI

Projects approved under the electronics component scheme

7 The Centre has cleared seven projects under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme out of 249 proposals. The approved projects, worth ₹5,532 crore involve manufacturing printed circuit boards, camera modules, copper laminates etc. PTI

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Why are China's officials being expelled?

How many high-ranking military commanders have been expelled from the Communist Party of China recently? What is Chinese President Xi Jinping's military anti-graft programme? Did domestic factional rivalries play a role in the expulsion?

EXPLAINER

Anushka Saxena

The story so far:

On October 17, China's Defence Ministry spokesperson Zhang Xiaogang announced the expulsion of nine high-ranking military commanders, who held posts in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the Central Military Commission (CMC), from the Communist Party of China (CPC). Some of these individuals have been reported missing, and had already been removed from their military posts.

Why were they expelled?

The official line states that these nine individuals seriously violated party discipline and were suspected of major duty-related crimes involving "extraordinarily large sums of money". The party disciplinary regulations of the CPC stipulate five types of disciplinary sanctions for party members – warnings, serious warnings, removal from internal party posts, probation, and expulsion. Expulsion from the party is the highest disciplinary action within the CPC.

Is this the first such instance?

Of the nine individuals targeted, five of the highest-ranking officials include He Weidong, member of the CPC Politburo and Vice Chairman of the CMC, Miao Hua, former Director of the CMC Political Work Department (PWD), He Hongjun, former Executive Deputy Director of the CMC PWD, Wang Xiubin, former Executive Deputy Director of the CMC Joint Operations Command Center, and Lin Xiangyang, former Commander of the Eastern Theater Command.

These purges are the latest in a long line of corruption-related disappearances and expulsions in the PLA and the CMC over the past decade. In the past two years in particular, Chinese President Xi Jinping's wide-sweeping anti-graft campaign has targeted higher-ranking officials, including CMC members, defence ministers, and now, even a CMC Vice-chairman – He Weidong. Given that the CMC is the most powerful body of the CPC and is in charge of the PLA and China's overall national security apparatus, its leaders are always held to a higher standard. This means that their expulsion is a cause for grave concern vis-à-vis efficiency and preparedness in the military. Moreover, He Weidong is a close aide of Mr. Xi himself, and had worked closely with him during their overlapping stints in the Fujian province, where Mr. Xi rose up the ranks from deputy mayor of Xiamen city in 1985 to Governor of the province in 1999, while Mr. He rose up the ranks in the 91st Army Division, and then the 31st Group Army.

Shake-up: Zhang Youxia swears-in as Vice Chairman of the CMC with other members Zhang Shengmin, Liu Zhenli, He Weidong, and Li Shangfu in Beijing, China on March 11, 2023. VIA REUTERS

The reasons behind these expulsions are manifold, and are tied with the common thread of wavering commitment to Party ideals, discipline, and the goal of turning the PLA into an efficient and "world-class" fighting force. Officially, the decision to remove and prosecute multiple individuals in the past few years is a crucial step in deepening the party's campaign for "clean governance and strict discipline." Chinese commentators have argued that there is a direct link between today's cases and the lingering influence of disgraced former CMC vice-chairmen Guo Boxiong and Xu Caihou, whose downfall marked the beginning of the military's modern anti-graft era. The new purge is described as a continuation of that struggle.

What about internal politics?

He Weidong, Miao Hua, Lin Xiangyang and Wang Xiubin are all linked to a singular patron-client network headed by Mr. He himself. They have all, in the past, been associated with each other through their own diverse roles, or through Mr. Xi's tenure, in Fujian. Together, they form what may be referred to as the "Fujian gang" in the Chinese military, with Mr. Xi at its very top. The Fujian gang is closely tied to China's Taiwan war plans, and all its officials are tied to the goal of 'reunification'. Today, their clique can be pitted against the presence of a strong "Shaanxi gang" in the military, led by CMC first vice-chairman Zhang Youxia. If one looks at Zhang's so-called "Shaanxi gang," CMC member and Discipline Inspection lead Zhang Shengmin figures right on top. He was born in Shaanxi and served with the pre-2015-reform Second Artillery force for a long time, before joining the Discipline Inspection Commission of the CMC as Secretary in 2017. Both the Zhangs have a shared history of working with the PLA ground forces, and it is no surprise that Zhang Shengmin is now the CMC's second vice-chairman, after having long served as a tough anti-corruption czar for the Commission.

What is the way ahead?

From the similarities and differences in the targeted candidates' backgrounds, one can infer that there is both, a factional component and a corruption-related element to the latest purges. The fall of these nine individuals is unique due to its sheer size, the targeting of some of the highest-ranking officials, and the *prima facie* thread connecting them all to one another. However, amid all the uncertainties, one thing is certain – that if the very leaders of the PLA as a whole are corrupt, it is bound to create tensions at the grassroots. If morale is impacted, it will lead to drastic implications for the PLA's combat preparedness, especially on the Taiwan front. On the other hand, it is likely that Mr. Xi will double down on purity-related measures in the PLA, bringing more units under the direct control of the CMC.

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THE GIST

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Is the Dogri language losing resonance in India?

Is the Dogri language declining at the same rate across rural and urban landscapes in the Jammu region?

Rohan Qurashi
Heena Chaudhary

The story so far:

Human society is rapidly moving towards the extinction of its linguistic heritage. According to one report by UNESCO, India has topped the list of countries with the maximum number of dialects on the verge of extinction. According to D.G Rao, former Director of the Central Institute of Languages, India has lost over 220 languages in the last 50 years.

Is Dogri in decline?

In recent years, growing concern has emerged over the gradual decline of the Dogri language in the Jammu region. Globalisation, migration, and the pursuit of economic opportunity often encourage speakers to prioritise widely used languages, while regional ones fade into disuse. Political choices and a lack of active interest among native speakers further deepen this crisis. Against this backdrop, Dogri finds itself at a crossroads. Although the J&K Official Languages Bill, 2020 gave it the long-overdue recognition as one of the Union Territory's five official languages, its status on paper has not translated into meaningful presence on the ground. Unlike other regional languages that have secured space in school curricula or administrative use, Dogri remains largely absent from formal education.

Why is Dogri not being spoken?

The decline of Dogri in the Jammu region can be looked at through three critical lenses – government policy, generational perspectives, and the rural-urban divide.

One of the central reasons for the decline of Dogri lies in the absence of sustained government support. Unlike Urdu, Kashmiri, and Hindi, Dogri had to wait until 2003 for constitutional recognition. This long delay meant that by the time Dogri gained official status, it had already fallen behind in terms of institutional backing and visibility. A survey conducted by the authors further underscores this policy gap. The research employed a random sampling method, selecting households at intervals of three to four units to ensure representativeness. The sample was distributed across 20 different locations in the Jammu region; 130 people filled the survey form completely.

Nearly half of the respondents (48%) from the Jammu region believe that the government has failed to provide adequate policy support for Dogri. Another 43.2% felt that the language offers little relevance for employment prospects or career advancement. Additionally, the survey revealed a stark generational divide in Dogri proficiency. The oldest respondents, those aged 60 and above, displayed the strongest connection to the language, with full proficiency in speaking and an intermediate score in reading and writing. However, among respondents aged 41-60, writing proficiency dropped sharply to just 0.25%, reflecting the gradual erosion of literacy in the language. Respondents under 20 years of age show 0% proficiency in reading and writing Dogri.

The survey also revealed a striking contrast between rural and urban populations in terms of Dogri language usage. Approximately 56% of respondents from rural areas actively speak Dogri, with around 15% demonstrating the ability to write it. In contrast, among urban respondents, only 45% reported speaking Dogri, and only 4% had any proficiency in writing it.

What is the way ahead?

To address India's linguistic crisis, two challenges must be addressed. First is technical – with the 2021 Census on hold, one lacks updated data on how many languages are endangered, and where urgent intervention is needed. Without this knowledge, both awareness and policy remain adrift. Secondly, one must shed the mindset that equates English alone with progress. The decolonisation of linguistics is the larger task at hand.

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Man-animal conflict management task force will be formed: Khandre

The announcement comes in the wake of back-to-back tiger attacks in a span of 10 days in Sargur

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Eshwar B. Khandre, Minister for Forests, Ecology and Environment, stated on Monday that a conflict management task force to address human-wildlife conflict will be constituted in the State.

While chairing a meeting of the officials in Bandipur, following a tiger attack in which a farmer was killed in Sargur, the Minister said that the task force will be a State-level entity and will comprise local representatives, NGOs and environmental experts.

The Minister says the task force will take up educational awareness activities and sensitise people living in villages along the forest periphery on preventive measures to be taken to avoid conflict.
K. MURALI KUMAR

The meeting was a fallout of back-to-back tiger attacks in a span of 10 days in Sargur in which one farmer died while the other victim is under treatment but battling for life in a private hospital in Mysuru. Mr. Khandre said that the task force will take up educational awareness activities and sensitise people living in villages along the forest periphery on preventive measures to be taken to avoid conflict. The task force will visit schools in the forest periphery and sensitise students about wildlife and function as a bridge to promote amity between the Forest Department and the villagers, he said.

The Minister directed the officials and the local administration to clamp down with prohibitory orders to prevent people from crowding during combing operations. The urgency for such a measure stems from the fact that the operations are hindered by the crowd which congregates to watch the exercise and courts a danger. On the imperatives of timely communication to the villagers of the presence of wild animals, the Minister said the public should be informed through loudspeakers if elephants or tigers enter residential areas, and information must also be disseminated through social media for greater reach.

A command centre will be established for continuous monitoring of the presence of wild animals, and it will be equipped with thermal cameras, drones, and state-of-the-art technology. WhatsApp messages will be forwarded on sighting wild animals close to the villages, the Minister said, calling for its urgent implementation.

Mr. Khandre emphasised the need to increase foot patrolling in conflict zones so that precautions could be taken to avoid injury or crop loss. To redress staff shortage and fill vacant posts, the officials were directed to initiate the recruitment process. In addition to it, frontline staff could be outsourced, Mr. Khandre said.

The Minister instructed Chief Wildlife Warden P.C. Rai to submit a report within five days on possible measures that could be taken to prevent elephants and tigers from straying out of the forests. The officials were instructed to take up tentacle fencing, solar fencing, and dig elephant-proof trenches where necessary to supplement the rail barricades being installed in areas that are hotspots for human-elephant conflicts.

Mr. Khandre said that farmers have attributed the rise in conflict situations to an increase in wildlife safaris and the disturbances being caused in forests and hence he would discuss the issue with officials.

MLAs Anil Chikkamadu and Ganesh Prasad, Principal Secretary Manoj Kumar, APCCF, Manor Rajan, Deputy Commissioner of Chamarajanagar Shilpa Nag, SP Kavitha were among those present.

Two CPI(M) activists arrested during campaign in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Police arrested two CPI(M) activists who were distributing pamphlets at Madiwala in Bengaluru as part of a party campaign on Saturday.

An FIR was filed against activists Suhas Adiga and Chithra Bhanu, who were later released on bail on Sunday. Both are members of the CPI(M) IT Front local committee, and Adiga is the general secretary of Karnataka State IT/ITeS Employees Union.

The CPI(M) Karnataka State committee has planned a protest on December 21 in Bengaluru to highlight issues such as agricultural crisis, land acquisition, unemployment, corruption, price rise, atrocities against women and Dalits, among others.

Bhanu and Adiga were part of a group distributing pamphlets door-to-door and collecting signatures as part of the campaign ahead of the protest.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, CPI(M) State secretary K. Prakash said, "Some workers of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) opposed the campaign, and our comrades resisted. During the argument, the police intervened and made the arrests."

It is our democratic right to campaign and tell the people about problems and the ones who are responsible for that, particularly in the context of the growing communal division in society because of RSS and BJP's policies, he said.

Govt. stance

Adding that the party would continue with the campaign, he questioned the Congress government's stance on democratic processes. "In the FIR not only have they mentioned that the distribution of pamphlets amounts to protest and protests should be held only in Freedom Park, but they have also named our activists and the RSS elements together. Many of the issues we highlight are caused by the BJP-led Union government. If the Congress government is unable to understand what the CPI(M) is doing against these forces and is equating us to RSS, we will urge them to correct their wrong perception and understand with whom they must sail to fight the communal poison," he said.

CPI(M) general secretary M.A. Baby condemned the arrests on his social media handle and alleged the Congress government in Karnataka of using 'undemocratic methods to suppress people's struggles'.

Toddler dies after falling from balcony

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A toddler fell from the balcony of a two-storey residential building at Weavers' Colony in Gottigere on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Vehanth, 3. Police said the incident occurred around 6 p.m. when Vehanth was playing in the balcony with his mother, Kavya. When she went inside the house, Vehanth reportedly climbed a two-foot parapet wall and fell from the second floor. He sustained severe head injuries and was rushed to a hospital, but succumbed on Sunday. The Konanakunte police registered a case.

Cyber fraudsters swindle ₹47 cr. out of private finance firm

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Cyber Crime Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB), Bengaluru, on Monday busted an international cybercrime racket where a private firm was hacked and ₹47 crore swindled from its bank accounts.

The police have arrested two individuals who facilitated the cybercrime, but they were low-level operatives.

The CCB made a partial recovery of ₹10 crore.

According to the complaint by the Wisdom Finance Pvt. Ltd., several unauthorised and suspicious money transfers amounting to ₹47 crore were made within two and a half hours from the company's bank accounts on October 6.

The company's internal investigation revealed that these transactions had not been carried out from its official systems or registered IP addresses. Instead, they originated from foreign IP addresses, the complaint said.

The police found that 1,782 transactions had been made from the accounts of the firm, and the money was transferred into 656 different bank accounts.

Among these, ₹27,39,000 had been transferred into a State Bank of India account, based on which the police tracked down the accused who was identified as Sanjay Patel, 43. The police arrested him from his hometown at Udayapur in Rajasthan.

Further investigation revealed that ₹5.5 crore had been transferred from the company's account to the bank account of one Unknown Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad. It later routed to a private bank account belonging to another individual. It was discovered that this transaction was conducted using IP addresses belonging to one Webyne Data Centre, and the IP addresses had been purchased by another person who was identified as Ismail Rasheed Attar, 27 The police arrested Attar.

"This is the first of its kind of case. We have gathered the details of the accused in Dubai and efforts are on to track them down," said City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh.

The two of the kingpins, residing in Dubai, had rented five servers, the IP addresses from Attar, hired Hong Kong-based hackers, who tampered with the finance company's API systems and carried out unauthorised fund transfers from the firm's accounts using Hong Kong and Lithuania-based IP addresses.

Delivery executive held for molesting Brazilian national

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The R.T. Nagar police on Sunday arrested a 21-year-old delivery executive for allegedly molesting a Brazilian national while delivering groceries on October 17. The victim, out of fear, did not disclose the incident until her three other flatmates approached the owner of the company they were employed at and flagged the incident.

Based on the complaint filed by Karthik Vinayak, the employer of the victim, the police registered an FIR against the accused on Saturday.

The police tracked down the accused identified as Kumar, a diploma student working part-time as a delivery executive.

He was arrested and remanded in judicial custody on Sunday. The victim was a model and was living in an apartment provided by the company along with three other models. She ordered groceries on a mobile app. The incident took place when the accused went to the address to deliver the items and allegedly touched her inappropriately when she came to get the order.

Two policemen suspended for sexual harassment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh suspended D.J. Halli Police Station inspector Sunil H.B. and assistant sub-inspector Prakash on the charges of harassing and blackmailing a woman for sexual favours.

Based on the complaint filed by the victim, an FIR has been registered against them at the Peenya Police Station.

In her complaint, the victim said that she visited the D.J. Halli Police Station in December 2024 to file a cheating case against her relative.

The complaint noted that the inspector took her personal number and started chatting with her. He proposed for a relationship and offered to help her set up a beauty parlour and a house. He allegedly forced her into a physical relationship on the pretext of marriage. The victim alleged that the inspector was forcing her to attend his video calls and sought sexual favours.

Meanwhile, assistant sub-inspector Prakash came to know about the issue and allegedly started blackmailing the victim, demanding sexual favours. When the matter was brought to the notice of the inspector, he avoided her and even threatened her with dire consequences.

Unable to bear the harassment, the victim approached Director-General and Inspector-General of Police M.A. Saleem.

Based on the direction of the senior officials, the Peenya Police have registered an FIR.

The accused are on the run, and a special team has been formed to track them down, a police officer said.

Timings
BENGALURU

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EXPLAINER

The complicated history of U.S.–Pakistan relations

As U.S.–Pakistan relations navigate a turbulent landscape, recent developments have reignited interest in the long-standing partnership amid shifting geopolitical dynamics

Dhananjay Tripathi
Tabshir Shams

In India, there has been extensive debate about China's growing role in South Asia, particularly its strategic partnership with Pakistan, which continues to challenge India's foreign policy outlook. Since the Partition, Pakistan's military establishment has defined its security posture primarily around India. To counter its relative weaknesses, the Pakistani army sought to balance India by tightening its grip over domestic politics and cultivating foreign alliances, first with the U.S. during the Cold War and increasingly with China in recent years. As India deepens its partnership with Washington, the U.S.-Pakistan relationship has lost its appeal for Indian strategists; however, recent events have again made it a topic of interest.

Strained ties: U.S. President Donald Trump next to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif as he delivers a statement during a summit on Gaza in Sharm el-Sheikh on October 13. AFP

Trump's shifting stance

On April 2025, Pakistan's army chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, delivered a provocative speech invoking the two-nation theory just days before the Pahalgam terrorist attack in India. His remarks drew immediate condemnation in New Delhi. Yet, in the months that followed, Mr. Munir emerged as a surprisingly frequent visitor to Washington. He first visited the U.S. in June 2025 for a White House lunch with President Donald Trump, then again in August for high-level military meetings, and went back again in September with Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for a White House meeting. Three visits in three months underscored Washington's willingness to engage directly with Pakistan's army chief, unsettling many in India.

The shift was striking given Mr. Trump's earlier posture. Back in 2018, Mr. Trump had tweeted that the U.S. had given Pakistan "more than $33 billion" in aid and received "only lies and deceit" in return. Today, however, his rhetoric is notably warmer. The U.S. President has even suggested tapping "oil fields in Pakistan," an idea met with scepticism given the absence of evidence of reserves. Recently, there have been reports of a U.S.-Pakistan deal on rare earth minerals, which is often cited as one of the reasons behind Mr. Trump's renewed interest in Pakistan. Still, such overtures highlight how quickly Washington's approach to Pakistan can change.

The U.S.'s 'most allied ally'

The Pakistan-U.S. relationship has witnessed several ups and downs over the past seven decades. During the Cold War, this relationship unfolded in two distinct phases. The first began in 1954, when the two countries signed a Mutual Defence Assistance Agreement. Pakistan soon joined the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), and in 1956 it allowed the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to operate a U-2 spy base from Peshawar to monitor Soviet activity. In 1959, a Bilateral Agreement of Cooperation gave Washington access to military facilities in Pakistan. During the Ayub-Eisenhower era Pakistan was described as "America's most allied ally in Asia."

But the partnership had limits. In 1962, during the China-India war, the U.S. provided military aid to India while discouraging Pakistan not to exploit India's vulnerability by opening a second front. In 1965, President Ayub Khan launched Operation Gibraltar in Kashmir, hoping to incite a local uprising against India, anticipating U.S. diplomatic and military backing. However, Washington withheld direct support and instead imposed an arms embargo on both Pakistan and India. The episode proved to be a turning point in Pakistan's perception of the U.S., from that of a dependable strategic partner to an unreliable ally. Disillusioned by Washington's neutrality and its reluctance to support Pakistan's regional ambitions, Islamabad, whose military was heavily reliant on U.S. equipment, began cultivating closer defense ties with China. A similar disappointment followed in 1971, when, despite then U.S. President Nixon's sympathy for Pakistan, U.S. help during the Bangladesh war was too little, too late. Though the USS Enterprise sailed to the Bay of Bengal, the war had already been decided.

The second phase emerged after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. With U.S. setbacks in Iran and Vietnam, Washington saw an opportunity to bleed Moscow by supporting the Afghan resistance. Pakistan, under General Zia-ul-Haq, became their indispensable partner. Between the 1980s and early 1990s, Islamabad received close to $5 billion in U.S. military and financial aid, along with covert funding for the Mujahideen. Zia used this leverage to wage a proxy war against India and accelerate Pakistan's nuclear programme, moves largely tolerated by Washington so long as Soviet troops remained in Afghanistan. When the Soviets withdrew, U.S. interest waned, aid was cut, and sanctions followed, and Washington began cultivating closer ties with India.

Post 9/11

The 9/11 attacks triggered another sharp turn. As General Pervez Musharraf later acknowledged in his memoir, *In the Line of Fire*, Pakistan reluctantly joined the U.S.-led "War on Terror", under intense diplomatic and military pressure from Washington. Nevertheless, the geopolitical relevance of Pakistan to start a war in Afghanistan was well realised by the U.S., and between 2002 and 2011, Congress approved some $18 billion in aid, including military hardware like F-16s. Moreover, the U.S. sanctions imposed after the 1998 nuclear tests were subsequently lifted for both India and Pakistan. Despite these developments, Washington's mistrust of Pakistan endured. The U.S. officials doubted Pakistan's sincerity in fighting terror, especially as the Afghan Taliban found sanctuary in its territory. The discovery of Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad in 2011 was the final blow to trust, cementing the view of Pakistan as a duplicitous partner.

Sanctions and contradictions

The U.S. has imposed sanctions on Pakistan for nearly one-third of the duration of their bilateral relationship. Each phase of engagement and dependence has ended in disillusionment and punitive measures, exposing the fragility of a partnership built on short-term strategic convenience rather than enduring trust. During the 1965 India-Pakistan War, despite Pakistan's membership in SEATO, Washington withheld support and instead imposed an arms embargo. In 1977, the Symington Amendment was invoked against Pakistan for clandestinely pursuing its nuclear programme, resulting in both economic and military restrictions. Later, following the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Pressler Amendment in 1990 halted the delivery of F-16 aircraft. More recently, in 2018, during Donald Trump's first term, the U.S. withheld over $300 million in military aid, citing Pakistan's alleged "double game" in counterterrorism. Each episode of sanctions reflects Washington's frustration with Islamabad's unpredictability, undependability, and strategic ambiguity, traits Pakistan has, ironically, internalised from the U.S. itself.

In response to these fluctuations, Pakistan has increasingly aligned with China, viewing this partnership as a counter to U.S. sanctions and diplomatic isolation. Since the 1960s, China has significantly supported Pakistan's nuclear ambitions and military cooperation.

Pakistan's army largely frames its U.S. partnership as a strategic necessity against India, yet anti-Western sentiment runs deep in society. In 1979, the U.S. embassy in Islamabad was burned by a mob inflamed by false rumours of U.S. involvement in the Mecca siege. Over the decades, numerous Pakistan-based terrorist organisations have targeted American interests, citing U.S.-Israel ties as justification. For example, Omar Saeed Sheikh, involved in financing the 9/11 plot and the brutal murder of the U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl, remains imprisoned in Pakistan. The persistence of such groups highlights Pakistan's double game – securing U.S. aid while tolerating militant networks that oppose the West.

These paradoxes were even acknowledged recently by Pakistan's Prime Minister in his UN General Assembly address in September 2025, where he admitted that militant groups operating from Pakistani soil posed a danger to global cities like New York and London. This candid statement reflects the dilemma at the heart of the U.S.-Pakistan relationship. While Islamabad presents itself as a partner against extremism, its territory continues to host actors fundamentally opposed to Western interests.

The way ahead

The relationship remains fraught yet there are elements that keep the two together. The U.S. continues to see value in engaging with Pakistan, whether for counterterrorism efforts, Afghan stability, or its interests in West Asia. Pakistan, meanwhile, views Washington as both a source of financial support and an occasional hedge against over-dependence on China. But contradictions abound. American policymakers remain wary of Pakistan's internal dynamics, as a large and dominant section remained vehemently opposed to the U.S.

As Hussain Haqqani aptly put it, U.S.-Pakistan ties may be best understood as a "magnificent delusion", a partnership built on overlapping interests but undermined by mistrust and divergent goals.

The history of these relations shows both sides drawn together by necessity, yet perpetually disappointed by the other. Whether the future brings closer cooperation or renewed estrangement, one lesson is clear – the U.S.-Pakistan relations will remain complex, fragile, and unpredictable.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

"What does 'deferred live' mean?"

"You've been watching all the World Cup matches, I see. 'Deferred live' is Doordarshan's way of saying that the match we are watching is a recorded one. It's not live."

"Then why don't they simply say 'recorded'?"

"Don't ask me! Ask someone who works for Doordarshan. 'Deferred live' is an example of an oxymoron."

"Is an example of what?"

"O..x..y..m..o..r..o..n. The 'o' in the first syllable is pronounced like the 'o' in 'pot', 'hot', and 'cot'. The 'y' sounds like the 'i' in 'pit', 'hit' and 'bit'. The 'o' in the third syllable is pronounced like the 'au' in 'caught', 'taught' and 'daughter'."

"And the final 'o' is like the 'a' in 'China', I suppose?"

"No, it isn't. The final 'o' is pronounced like the 'o' in the first syllable."

"I see. And which syllable has the stress?"

"The stress is on the third syllable 'mo'. So the word is pronounced oxyMOron."

"But what does oxyMOron mean?"

"An oxymoron is a figure of speech in which you combine two contradictory qualities or ideas together. Take for example 'deferred live'. When you 'defer' something, you postpone it."

"And when you show a programme live, you show it as and when it is happening."

"Exactly! You cannot postpone the broadcast of a live programme. If you show a programme after the event has taken place, then it's no longer a live programme, but a recorded one."

"That's true. Can you give me another example of an oxymoron?"

"Certainly! Make haste slowly."

"I guess you cannot tell someone to do something quickly, slowly. It's a contradiction."

"That's right. That's why it's an example of an oxymoron."

"How about this example? My Principal is a wise fool."

"A wise man usually isn't a fool. A 'wise fool' is an example of an oxymoron too. Groucho Marx believed that 'military intelligence' is an oxymoron."

"Why?"

"Marx felt that 'military' and 'intelligence' just didn't go together; that anyone in the military couldn't be intelligent."

"That's not a nice thing to say. But tell me, how do you use the word 'oxymoron' in a sentence?"

" 'Honest politician' is an oxymoron. That's what most Indians believe."

"Meaning that if you are a politician, you cannot be honest."

"Or if you are honest, you cannot be a politician. The two do not go together."

"My cousin believes that 'business ethics' is an oxymoron."

"That's a good example. The meaning being that if you're in business, you cannot have ethics. Here's another example. It would be oxymoronic to call your Principal a friendly dictator."

"I guess dictators are never friendly."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

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A quiz on the occasion of World Animation Day observed annually on October 28

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Name the Padma Shri-winning Indian artist known as the 'Father of Indian Animation'.

QUESTION 2
Which animated film, that saw the acknowledged debut of Mickey Mouse, was the first cartoon to use fully synchronised sound?

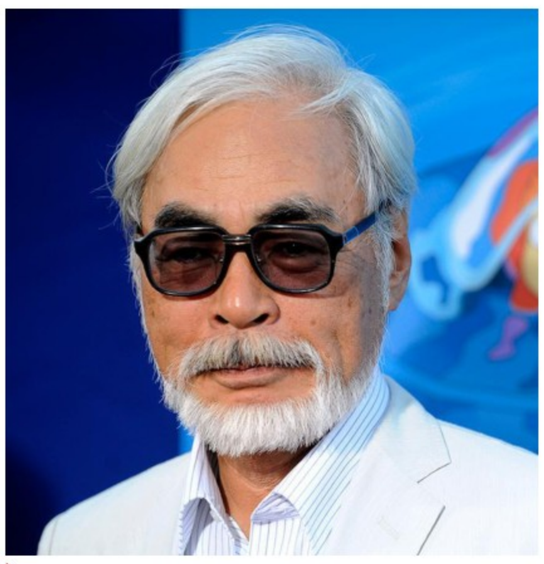
QUESTION 3
In 1991, which work became the first animated feature to be nominated for Best Picture at the Oscars?

QUESTION 4
What type of animation was used in popular films like *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* and *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*?

QUESTION 5
What is the name of the animation technique where live-action footage is traced over, frame by frame, to create realistic motion?

QUESTION 6
Which Pixar hit was the first feature-length film animated entirely with CGI?

QUESTION 7
Which studio founded by Spielberg, Katzenberg, and Geffen in 1994 is known for making flicks like *Shrek* and *Kung Fu Panda*?



Visual question:
Name this legendary animator who co-founded Studio Ghibli. AP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Infantry Day commemorates the landing of this battalion at the Srinagar airfield on October 27, 1947. **Ans: 1st Battalion of the Sikh Regiment**
2. This Infantry regiment's motto is derived from a phrase appearing in the Shiva Purana. **Ans: The Rajputana Rifles (*Veer Bhogya Vasundhara)***
3. This regiment features a water cooled weapon in its insignia. **Ans: The Mahar regiment**
4. This regiment's insignia features a naval vessel. **Ans: The Punjab regiment**
5. The leaves of this tree is featured in the insignia of the Rajput regiment. **Ans: Ashoka leaves**
6. This regiment was positioned at number nine. **Ans: The Jat regiment**
7. This regiment pioneered an unique concept of Mandir, Masjid, Gurudwara and Gompa under one roof. **Ans: The Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry**
9. This regiment's training centre is presently located in Bengaluru. **Ans: The Parachute regiment**
10. The insignia of this Infantry regiment features a *chakram*, with a mounted kirpan. **Ans: The Sikh Light Infantry**
Visual: This memorial is for the soldiers of this regiment. **Ans: The Gorkha regiment**
Early Birds: Tamal Biswas| Rajib Ganguly| Sunil Kannada| Piyali Tuli| Sukdev Shet

Word of the day

Overture:
orchestral music played at the beginning of an opera or oratorio; something that serves as a preceding event or introduces what follows; a tentative suggestion designed to elicit the reactions of others

Synonyms: preliminary, prelude, approach

Usage: *The talks were an overture to a long sermon.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/overturepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈəʊvətjʊə/, /ˈəʊvətʃ(ʊ)ə/

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ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುರಕ್ಷತೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಗತಿಯ ದಾಪುಗಾಲು

ಇನ್ನುಮುಂದೆ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ 30 ಸೇವೆಗಳು

ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲೇ ಪ್ರಪ್ರಥಮ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ!

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೋಟಾರು ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ.

ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಒದಗಿಸಲು, "The Karnataka Motor Transport and Other Allied Workers Social Security and Welfare Rules 2024" ಜಾರಿ.

ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುರಕ್ಷತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆಧುನೀಕರಣ

AI ಆಧಾರಿತ ಕಣ್ಗಾವಲು: ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುರಕ್ಷತೆಗಾಗಿ ₹70 ಕೋಟಿ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದಾದ್ಯಂತ 80 ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃತಕ ಬುದ್ಧಿಮತ್ತೆ (AI) ಆಧಾರಿತ ಕ್ಯಾಮೆರಾಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ.

ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸುರಕ್ಷತೆ: ನಿರ್ಭಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಾಹನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ VLTD ಮತ್ತು ಎಮರ್ಜೆನ್ಸಿ ಬಟನ್‌ಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ.

ಆಧುನಿಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು: ₹129 ಕೋಟಿ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ 21 ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಯಂಚಾಲಿತ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪಥಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಪ್ರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

ಹಣಕಾಸು ಮತ್ತು ಆಡಳಿತ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ

ದಾಖಲೆ ಮಟ್ಟದ ರಾಜಸ್ವ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ: ₹12,024.32 ಕೋಟಿ ರಾಜಸ್ವ ಗುರಿಯನ್ನು ತಲುಪುವ ಮೂಲಕ 97.67% ಯಶಸ್ಸು.

ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಬಲವರ್ಧನೆ: 5 RTO/ARTO ಕಚೇರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಂತ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮರ್ಥವಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು 89 ಮೋಟಾರು ವಾಹನ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಕರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ.

ಕಚೇರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ಸೇವೆಗಳು

- ಬದಲಿ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ
- ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಯೋಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
- ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ವಾಹನ ವರ್ಗವನ್ನು ಸರೆಂಡರ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು
- ಅಪಾಯಕಾರಿ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಗಿಸುವ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಓಡಿಸಲು ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂಬರಹ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ಗುಡ್ಡಗಾಡು / ಬೆಟ್ಟದ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಓಡಿಸಲು ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂಬರಹ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರಿಗೆ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ವಾಹನ ವರ್ಗ ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆ
- ಚಾಲಕರಿಗೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸೇವಾ ವಾಹನ ಬ್ಯಾಡ್ಜ್ ವಿತರಣೆ
- ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಯೋಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
- ವಾಹನದ ಕಂತು-ಕರಾರು ರದ್ದತಿ
- ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ
- ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ (ಮರಣ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ)
- ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿಯ ಆಥೋರೈಸೆಷನ್ ನವೀಕರಣ
- ವಾಹನದ ನಕಲು ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ನೀಡಿಕೆ

ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯ ಸೇವೆಗಳು

- ಕಲಿಕಾ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ
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- ಕಲಿಕಾ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
- ನಕಲು ಕಲಿಕಾ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
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- ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಚಾಲನಾ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
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- ಮೋಟಾರು ವಾಹನದ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ನೋಂದಣಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ವಾಹನದ (ಫುಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಲ್ಟ್) ಹೊಸ ನೋಂದಣಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ನಕಲು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
- ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣಾ ರಹಿತ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ (ಎನ್ ಒ ಸಿ/ ಸಿಸಿ)
- ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಳಾಸ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
- ವಾಹನ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ವಹಿ ಪಡೆಯುವಿಕೆ
- ವಾಹನ ನೋಂದಣಿಯ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆಯ ನೋಟೀಸು
- ವಾಹನ ನೋಂದಣಿಯ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ವಾಹನದ ಮೇಲೆ ಕಂತು-ಕರಾರು ನಮೂದನೆಗೆ ಹಿಂಬರಹ
- ವಾಹನದ ಹೊಸ ರಹದಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ
- ವಾಹನದ ನಕಲು ರಹದಾರಿ ನೀಡಿಕೆ
- ಶಾಶ್ವತವಾಗಿ ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿ ಅಧ್ಯರ್ಪಣೆ
- ವಾಹನದ ರಹದಾರಿ ನವೀಕರಣ
- ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ರಹದಾರಿ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ
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- ವಾಹನ ಮಾಲೀಕರ/ ಚಾಲನಾ ಅನುಜ್ಞಾ ಪತ್ರ ಹೊಂದಿರುವವರ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಉನ್ನತೀಕರಿಸುವುದು

(* ಈ ಸೇವೆಗಳ ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ)

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Cyclone Montha: IMD issues yellow alert for 11 districts

Boats anchored in Udupi district on Monday in view of the rough seas owing to Cyclone Montha. UMESH S. SHETTIGAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Bengaluru, which has forecast fairly widespread rainfall over Karnataka for the next few days owing to Cyclone Montha, has issued a yellow alert for 11 districts till Tuesday.

C.S. Patil, a scientist at IMD Bengaluru, said that Uttara Kannada, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Raichur, Koppal, and Gadag are likely to receive heavy rain till Tuesday.

IMD synoptic meteorological features stated that Cyclone Montha is likely to move north-northwest wards and intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by Tuesday morning. "Continuing to move further north-northwestwards, it is very likely to cross Andhra Pradesh coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam around Kakinada on October 28 as a severe cyclonic storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 90-100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph," it stated.

Mr. Patil said that the coastal districts are likely to receive extensive rainfall till Wednesday. He added that rainfall in these districts is expected to continue till November 2.

He added that on Monday, the coastal districts received extensive rainfall and many places in south interior and north interior Karnataka received rainfall.

High command will decide on changing CM: Siddaramaiah

In a democracy everyone has the right to contest for the post of the Chief Minister, he says

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU/ BENGALURU

Amid speculation over the change of leadership and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's visit to Delhi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Mangaluru on Monday reiterated that the Congress high command will take a call on whether or not to continue him as the Chief Minister.

Referring to various Ministers making statements over the change of the Chief Minister, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that that in a democracy, everyone has the right to contest for the post. "The contest cannot be avoided. But the high command will take the final decision."

When his reaction was sought to Mr. Siddaramaiah's statement on continuing as the Chief Minister, Mr. Shivakumar remarked: "What is there to add when he himself has said it. We will listen to whatever he says."

The Chief Minister's statement came on a day when Mr. Shivakumar was in Delhi to meet the Congress Central leaders. Mr. Shivakumar, on his return to Bengaluru, refused to elaborate on the Delhi visit, but acknowledged that he met Ambika Soni, a confidante of Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, to offer his condolences following the death of Ms. Soni's husband recently.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking to reporters at Mangaluru International Airport on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sources close to him indicated that he riled at the supporters of the Chief Minister, including his son Yathindra Siddaramaiah, going public about the leadership issue, while he was in Delhi.

A purported agreement on rotation of power after two-and-a-half years is being justified for the leadership change by the Deputy Chief Minister's camp, while the Chief Minister and his supporters have rubbished existence of such an agreement.

Meanwhile, Home Minister G. Parameshwara said that there has been no information from the high command either on a Cabinet reshuffle or a change of leadership.

He also felt that discussions on these issues in the public domain has caused confusion and affected administration in the State. "It is not right to remain in this state of confusion," he said.

On the purported celebrations being hosted by the Chief Minister on November 1, Dr. Parameshwara said that nothing much needed to be read into it. "Reading a political narrative in a celebration on Rajyotsava is not necessary".

On Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa's supporters raising slogans in Shivamogga in favour of the veteran leader to be made the Chief Minister, he said: "Mr. Muniyappa has been MP seven times. He is a senior leader, and has merit and eligibility. I will be happy if he becomes the Chief Minister."

On having a Dalit Chief Minister, Dr. Parameshwara said that if the need arises, the high command will decide after the Bihar elections.

Dharmasthala case: SIT asked to submit probe report at the earliest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

G. Parameshwara

Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Monday said that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged burials in Dharmasthala has been asked to submit its final report at the earliest.

"The SIT has said that it would submit the final report in October. They might submit the report before October 31 or there could be a delay by a day or two," the Home Minister told presspersons here.

He added that the SIT has said that the final report would include an analysis by the Forensic Science Laboratory of the bones found during excavation, as well as a chemical analysis report.

"The bones that were gathered should be subject to a chemical analysis. After completing all this, the SIT has said that it will submit the report. Probably the report is expected by the end of this month," he added.

After a former sanitation worker at Dharmasthala, Chinnaiah, lodged a complaint that he had buried several bodies, which looked "raped and killed", during his stint in the temple town between 1995 and 2014, the State government formed the SIT.

While many spots he showed were dug up, a few bones were recovered in only one of those spots, even as a few skeletal remains were recovered lying on the ground in the Bangle Gudda area.

Chinnaiah was arrested by the SIT in August for perjury. A skull and a few bone fragments he had given to the court claiming to be of a woman whom he buried, turned out to be of a male.

Investigation is on since then on the alleged conspiracy to frame individuals in a murder case.

10 organisations invited to meeting today over Chittapur route march

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Meeting follows a High Court direction to the district administration seeking a report

In compliance with a High Court of Karnataka direction issued on Friday, the district administration has made all necessary arrangements to convene a peace meeting on Tuesday with representatives of various organisations that have sought permission to take out their route march in Chittapur on November 2.

RSS members have been taking out route marches in all districts to mark the centenary celebrations of the organisation. FILE PHOTO

Superintendent of Police Adduru Srinivasulu told *The Hindu* that 10 organisations, including the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the Bhim Army, the Bharatiya Dalit Panthers, the Gonda Kuruba ST Horata Samiti, the Karnataka Rajya Chalavadi Kshemabhivruddi Sangha and the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene, have been invited to the meeting.

"The meeting will begin at 11.30 a.m. at the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office. Each organisation will be represented by a maximum of three members. Notices have already been issued to all groups concerned," Mr. Srinivasulu said.

Memorandum

Meanwhile, the district unit of the BJP met Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Taranum on Monday and submitted a memorandum urging the administration to grant permission for the RSS route march.

The memorandum has been signed by 21 party leaders, including MLA Avinash Jadhav and MLCs Shashil Namoshi, B.G. Patil and Sunil Vallyapure.

BJP State Scheduled Castes Morcha vice-president Ambaraya Ashtagi said that RSS leaders Krishnaji Joshi and Prahlad, apart from himself, were part of the RSS delegation.

The issue originated on October 19 when Chittapur Tahsildar Nagayya Hiremath denied permission to the RSS to conduct its route march as part of the organisation's centenary celebrations, citing possible law and order concerns.

The decision followed multiple applications from other organisations, including the Bhim Army and the Bharatiya Dalit Panthers, which also sought to take out similar march on the same day and along the same route.

Following the denial, RSS leader Ashok Patil filed a writ petition before the High Court in Kalaburagi, challenging the Tahsildar's decision. Hearing the matter on October 19 in a special sitting, the court directed the district administration to submit a report on the ground situation before October 24.

During the second hearing on Friday last, Justice M.G.S. Kamal directed the State government to convene a peace meeting of all the applicant organisations to ensure an amicable resolution.

The court further instructed the district administration to submit a report on the outcome of the meeting before the next hearing on Thursday.

Coffee growers welcome Modi's praise, seek action on pending challenges

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Planters in Karnataka have welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's praise for the global recognition earned by coffee from the State's key producing regions, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, and Hassan, during his 'Mann Ki Baat' address on Sunday. However, growers have urged the government to take concrete steps to address persistent challenges affecting the sector.

For many growers in Kodagu, the Prime Minister's mention in his 'Mann Ki Baat' address has brought a sense of pride and also renewed hope for government intervention. FILE PHOTO

Coffee Board of India chairman M.J. Dinesh thanked the Prime Minister for recognising the efforts of lakhs of growers and said the acknowledgment would inspire renewed enthusiasm in the sector. "The Prime Minister's words will encourage planters, traders, and exporters alike. It comes at a time when the board has undertaken several initiatives to boost both productivity and domestic consumption," he said.

For many growers in Kodagu, the Prime Minister's mention has brought a sense of pride and also renewed hope for government intervention. "It is heartening that the Prime Minister has spoken about coffee from Kodagu, which produces the largest share of India's coffee. His words reaffirm the importance of our work," said coffee planter Ravi Chengappa from Virajpet in Kodagu.

However, Mr. Chengappa noted that the sector continues to face serious difficulties. "Coffee growers are struggling with rising input costs, labour shortages, damage caused by erratic rainfall, and wild animal attacks. Fluctuating international prices and a lack of adequate crop insurance have also left many growers financially vulnerable," he said.

Another farmer Dinesh H. from Chikkamagaluru urged both the Central and the State governments to take immediate steps to protect the livelihood of coffee farmers. "We hope the Prime Minister's appreciation will translate into stronger policy support. The government must address these long-standing issues from better price realisation to support for sustainable cultivation so that the next generation of planters can continue this legacy," he added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all and whomsoever it may concern that my client - Banks / Financial Institutions is/are considering to sanction loan to the Loan Applicant/s by accepting the schedule property as collateral security. The schedule property presently belongs to **Sri Mahadeva M** and he is intending to alienate the same to the prospective buyer/s. The present owner informs that he has lost the previous original Gift deed bearing No.RRN-1-00285-2008-09 of Book-I, CD No.RRND12, Dated 07. 05.2008, Sub Registrar, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore. The present owner informs that he has lost the said original gift deed on 01.08.2023, at the time of registration of his sale deed, while taking xerox. In the said regard, the present owner has reported the said loss of document with the Karnataka State Police vide Lost Report No.1869 245/ 2025 Dated 27.10.2025. My client or his predecessors in title have not offered the schedule property as security or collateral security to any financial institutins / banks or private person.

If any other person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, claim, charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to the sale transaction and mortgage of the said property to the Financial Institutions / Banks and shall inform/object the same in writing along with the photocopies of the documents relied for such claim/objections, through the registered post with acknowledgement due to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no valid claim/objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid,the present owner shall proceed to alienate the schedule property to theprospective buyer/s / obtain loan from the Banks / Financial institutioins by offering the schedule property as collateral security, deeming that noone else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoeverover the schedule property.

SCHEUDLE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Northern portion of the House Property bearing No.128/2 (BBMP Khatha No.3333/162/8/157/128/2/1) (EPID No.52 24 431734), measuring East to West 67 ft. and North to South 28 ft., totally measuring 1876 sq. ft. situated at Pattanagere Village, Hemmigepura Ward No.198, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the **East by :** Road ; **West by :** Private Property; **North by :** Property belongs to Sri D Muniyappa; **South by :** Remaining portion of same property

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

K ANANTHAKRISHNAN (94), Retired Officer, Advt Dept, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 27-October-2025. Address: Flat 4, First Floor, Nataraj Ashwin Apartments, No: 55, Third Main Road, R A Puram, Chennai-600028. Contact: 99406 66292

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Commissioner, Opposite to Phoenix Mall, ITPL Main Road, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru-560048.

No:Comm/BECC/PS/49/2025-26 **FORM-III (see sub-rule (3) of rule 3)** Date: 24.10.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following Area mentioned in the schedule below is required by The **Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation** for **Formation of 30.0m Road from Gunjuru Palya Road to Sarjapura Road via Chikkabellandur as Per RMP-2015.** [Form-1 Notification No: BBMP/Comm/PSR(G)/4999/20-21, Dated:28.12.2020].

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of Land / Building area surrendered and landowners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru East** Name of the Village: **Chikkabellanduru**

Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land		Nature of Land		Dimension of the Land/ Plot & Extent in Sq.M		Boundaries of the Land / Plot				Building Details			Present Activity on Land/Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual house etc.,	Market (guide -lines) value of the land Per Sq.M	Name and address of the owner of the plot/Land for Which DRC is to be issued
	Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped Approved Layout / developed Land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction & No.of Floors	Floor Area Ratio			
Sy No.32/3, Katha Sl No.984, Municipal No.51	Vacant Land			Converted Land		1453.58	Remaining Portion of Sy No.32/3	Sy No.32/2	Sy No.30 & Sy No.28	Sy No.33	None	None	None	Vacant	36,000/-	Sri.K.M Srinivasa Reddy S/o K.Muniswamy Reddy, R/at No.28, Sarjapura Road, Behind Mariyamma Temple, Chikkabellanduru, Bengaluru-560035.

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No. :ನಅಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (ಇ), ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024–25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024

Objections and suggestions may be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation, Opposite to Phoenix Mall, ITPL Main Road, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru-560048.

Sd/- Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation

Kakinada braces for cyclone impact

More than 600 boats return to shore; 142 pregnant women relocated to government hospitals; 269 relief camps opened along the stretch between Kakinada and Uppada, 14,500 inmates of welfare hostels sent home as precautionary measure; special teams mobilised to tackle coastal erosion

The Hindu Bureau
KAKINADA

With the sea churned by Cyclone Montha, the Andhra Pradesh government said that more than 600 boats, including mechanised boats engaged in fishing in the Bay of Bengal, had returned safely to the shore by Monday. As many as 142 pregnant women were shifted to nearby government hospitals as a precautionary measure, it added.

As many as 269 relief camps have been opened, with evacuation under way mostly along the stretch between Kakinada and Uppada, which witnessed heavy wind and rains on Monday.

As many as 40 boats and 140 swimmers have been deployed for relief operation along the coast, mostly on the Uppada coast. According to sources, more than 14,500 inmates of all the welfare hostels were sent home.

Fishermen on the Kothapatnam beach in Prakasam struggling to bring their boat to shore because of the rough sea. KOMMURI SRINIVAS

40 boats and 140 swimmers have been deployed for relief operation along the coast

Emergency meet

Municipal Administration and Urban Development and Kakinada district incharge Minister P. Narayana, chairing a meeting on cyclone preparedness, said the Sri Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy Vari Devasthanam in Annavaram, along with the NGO Alluri Sitarama Raju and Akshaya Foundation, would supply 10,000 food packets at the relief camps.

"As many as 80 personnel including 50 from the National Disaster Response Force have been deployed along the Kakinada coast," he said.

A team of 100 personnel of the Electricity Department from the Rayalaseema region have arrived for power restoration works in the district, the Minister said.

Special teams have been mobilised in Uppada, Kothapalli, Tallarevu, Thondangi, and Kakinada Rural areas in expectation of heavy rain and coastal erosion. The police are guarding the Kakinada-Uppada road which is facing a threat of submergence from sea erosion. Most of the relief camps have been opened between the Kakinada and Uppada coastal belt with essential commodities to meet the requirement for one week, the Minister said.

As many as 23 ambulances are ready to tackle emergencies. Medical and health staff at the Pithapuram and Tallarevu primary health centres will be dispatched during relief operations.

Kakinada District Collector S. Shan Mohan, Rajya Sabha member Sana Sateesh, Kakinada City MLA Tangella Uday Srinivas, and Special Officer V.R. Krishna Teja were present at the meeting.

Help desks set up at train stations

VISAKHAPATNAM

East Coast Railway announced the cancellation of several trains operating in the Visakhapatnam region and connected routes as a precautionary measure in view of the severe cyclonic storm Montha.

The helpline numbers set up by the Waltair Division are: Visakhapatnam: 0891-2746330, 0891-2744619; Vizianagaram: 08922-221202; Srikakulam Road: 08942-286213, 08942-286245; Duvvada: 0891-2883456; Rayagada: 0891-2885744, 0891-2885755; Naupada: 0891-2885937; Araku: 08936-249832; Koraput: 0891-2884318, 0891-2884319.

10,000 to be evacuated, water release from Godavari canals cut

The Hindu Bureau
AMALAPURAM/BHIMAVARAM

Nearly 10,000 people are being evacuated in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district, while 126 pregnant women expected to deliver within a fortnight have been shifted to nearby hospitals along the coastline. All of them are under medical care and will remain in government hospitals until Cyclone Montha makes landfall. As many as 120 relief camps have been opened across the district.

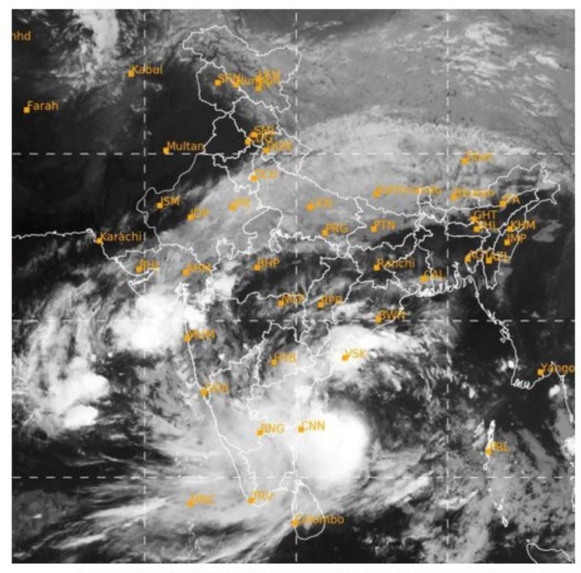
"By Monday, we aim to evacuate 6,000 people out of the 10,000 likely to be affected along the coastline. Those living in thatched houses are being shifted immediately," said District Collector R. Mahesh Kumar.

On cyclone preparedness, Mr. Mahesh Kumar said hoardings are being removed along 400 km of State highways and 60 km of National Highway no. 216, as heavy winds are expected in the next two days. Farmers have been advised to stay away from fields.

At a review meeting, the Collector said the Irrigation Department has been instructed not to release Godavari water into branch canals to prevent inundation of standing paddy crops, with heavy rain expected over the next 48 hours. Two teams each from the NDRF and SDRF have been deployed to respond to emergency calls and assist in relief operations. Irrigation officials have stopped releasing Godavari water into the Western and Central Delta to prevent flooding.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.4	24.5	Kozhikode	56	26.0	24.2
Ahmedabad	4	25.8	23.3	Kurnool	—	32.0	24.5
Aizawl	—	32.0	19.1	Lucknow	—	28.0	23.2
Allahabad	1	28.2	23.0	Madurai	—	30.5	25.6
Bengaluru	—	25.0	21.3	Mangaluru	25	26.1	23.1
Bhopal	9	30.4	20.4	Mumbai	23	33.5	24.5
Bhubaneswar	—	33.7	25.1	Mysuru	—	29.8	19.0
Chandigarh	—	32.5	15.9	New Delhi	—	29.5	17.3
Chennai	3	27.1	26.4	Patna	—	33.2	25.9
Coimbatore	—	29.0	24.6	Port Blair	49	29.8	24.7
Dehradun	—	30.3	14.9	Puducherry	0.1	31.3	25.6
Gangtok	—	21.5	13.4	Pune	17.4	32.8	23.7
Goa	107	29.0	23.6	Raipur	—	32.5	22.8
Guwahati	—	31.0	23.7	Ranchi	—	29.4	20.8
Hubballi	—	24.0	21.0	Shillong	—	25.0	13.0
Hyderabad	—	31.8	22.5	Shimla	—	24.0	14.2
Imphal	—	30.6	22.4	Srinagar	—	22.5	5.4
Jaipur	—	25.0	23.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.2	24.7
Kochi	36	25.4	22.4	Tiruchi	—	29.1	25.4
Kohima	—	27.2	17.9	Vijayawada	—	29.0	25.0
Kolkata	—	35.0	25.3	Visakhapatnam	7	26.0	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	47	32	22	42	
Bengaluru	—	23	92	46	76	
Chennai	15	21	36	29	50	
Delhi	45	85	57	370	397	
Hyderabad	15	14	36	46	97	
Kolkata	7	15	53	168	131	
Lucknow	8	56	81	221	183	
Mumbai	—	61	71	22	61	
Pune	—	30	41	23	37	
Visakhapatnam	9	23	16	32	36	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bahadurgarh, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 387 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Government of Karnataka
HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT
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Tel: 26709689/ 26706775, Email: endowmentcommissioner@gmail.com
No:ADM/6/CR.54/2025 Comp.No.1891502 Date: 27.10.2025

Tender Notification

Headquarters Assistant-I, Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department, Bangalore-18, invites electronic tenders from eligible bidders for the Tender For Operation And Maintenance Of Canteen Services In Hampi Block In Karnataka State Charities, Tirumala, Andra Pradesh-517504. Last Date for Submission of Tender through on-line is Before **12-11-2025 at 05:00 P.M** For any further details please login to: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/**

Note: For any further information and announcement regarding this tender please contact office of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments, Bangalore and Special officer Karnataka State Charities, Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh.

Sd/- For Commissioner
Hindu Religious Institutions and
Charitable Endowments Department, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/3051/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, SRI. SANTHOSH KUMAR.V Son of Sri. Venkateshappa is the absolute owner of the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owner. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office as shown below **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof**, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Survey No. 175/1,** Old Sy. No. 175 measuring to an extent of **3 Acres 35 Guntas**, situated at Kudiyanuru Village, kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No: 175/2;
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.165/1;
North by : Linganahalli Boundary;
South by : Road;

Dated this 28th day of October 2025 at Bangalore

M/S. LEGAL NEXUS
ADVOCATES & CONSULTANTS
No. 428, 24th Main, 25th Cross, Sector – 2, H.S.R Layout, Bangalore – 560 102.
Phone: 080-65555914
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विशेष शाखा, पुलिस मुख्यालय, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

क्रमांक-विशा/स्टोर/2025-25(341) दिनांक-17.10.2025

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धिपत्र

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना कमांक SB/Store/2025-25(306), Dated-30.09.2025 द्वारा Non Linear Junction Detector-44 Nos. के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा में क्रय किये जाने वाले उपरोक्त उपकरण के **समय सारणी** में आंशिक संशोधन के संबंध में **"शुद्धिपत्र" (Corrigendum)** जारी किया गया हैं जो website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app पर विभाग की वेबसाईट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

उप पुलिस महानिरीक्षक, गुप्तवार्ता (जी), म.प्र., भोपाल
दूरभाष क्र. 0755-2443654

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BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052.

No. DGM-1/(BSWML)/PR/259/25-26 Date: 27.10.2025

CORRIGENDUM- 5

Sub: Updation of Calendar of Events for Tender Notification.
Ref: (1) This office Tender Notification No: DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/ 08/2025- 26, Date: 30.07.2025. **(2)** Corrigendum-1No: DGM-1/(BSWML)/PR/183/25-26, Dated: 18.08.2025. **(3)** Corrigendum-2 No: DGM-1/(BSWML)/PR/203/25-26, Dated: 03.09.2025. **(4)** Corrigendum-3 No: DGM-1/(BSWML)/PR/225/25-26, Dated: 19.09.2025. **(5)** Corrigendum-4 No: DGM-1/(BSWML)/PR/241/25-26, Dated: 08.10.2025.

As per the above subject and reference, the calendar of events for the above tender notification is extended due to administrative & technical reason. The Change in the Calendar of Events is as shown in below table.

Time schedule /calendar of events:

Sl No	Particulars	As per tender notification/ Corrigendum-1,2,3&4	Updated dates to be read as
1	Last Date of Receipt of Tender	On 27.10.2025 up to 16:00 hrs.	On 06.11.2025 up to 17:00 hrs.
2	Opening of Technical Bid	On 28.10.2025 after 16:30 hrs.	On 07.11.2025 after 17:30 hrs.

For Further details visit GOK kpp portal Website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1
BSWML

DIPR/CP/3424/AKAR/2025-26

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751001
Assuring Quality, Saving Lives
Tel.:(0674) 2380608; Website:www.osmcl.nic.in; Email:proc.osmcl.od@od.gov.in

Notification No.9089/OSMCL/2025 Date : 25/10/2025

NOTICE INVITING Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Virtual Anatomy Dissection Table for Govt. MCHs and Ayurvedic & Homeopathy Medical College of the State

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	OSMCL/2025- 26/ VADT_EQP/07	Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Virtual Anatomy Dissection Table for Govt. MCHs and Ayurvedic & Homeopathy Medical College of the State	Rs.5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	25/10/2025, 6 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	01/11/2025, 11.30 AM **Venue** : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time 11/11/2025, 3 PM	End Date & Time 02/12/2025, 5 PM
4.	Date& time of Online Technical bid Opening	06/12/2025, 3 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. The Authority reserves the right to reject or modify any conditions of the tender or cancel the tender or cancel the issued purchase order at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Managing Director, OSMCL

CAD-2114 OIPR-10112/11/0038/2526

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CGM(Tech)/DGM(PROC & APCC)/EE-Proc3/AEE-7/2025-26/3843-860 Date: 27.10.2025

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (RE-TENDER)
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited re-invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works in a **Combined Package** against following Enquiry Number:

Enquiry number/ Name of the Work

KPTCL/2025-26/UC/WORK_INDENT2886

Combined Package for,

Work - A: Conversion of existing 66kV Peenya- Gokula- Hebbal DC line by proposed 66kV Class 1000Sqmm UG Cable to existing 66/11kV Mathikere sub-station and proposed under construction 220/66kV Mathikere GIS S/s infringing the proposed BSRP Railway track. @ **Ch 15/50**

Work - B: 66kV 1000Sqmm XLPE S/C UG Cable connectivity for modification of the existing ITI Hebbal DC OH line between existing 66/11kV LR Bande SS to proposed BSRP Railway track near Shampura Railway crossing.

Work - C: Running of Proposed 66KV 1000Sqmm SC UG Cable from existing 220/66KV HBR GIS sub-station to Shampura Railway crossing for a distance of 1.63kms along with dismantling the existing 66kV DC Overhead Line.

Including supply of equipments/materials, erection (dismantling & including civil works) testing and commissioning on **Total Turnkey basis**

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The details regarding participation in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **28.10.2025 @ 15:00 hrs**. Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **27.11.2025 @ 15:00 hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal**. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Tech),
Corporate Office, KPTCL, 2nd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan,
Bengaluru-560 009. Ph: 080-22243926

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(A Government Company)
Regd. Office: KOTHAGUDEM-507101, Telangana.
CIN:U10102TG1920SGC000571

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - (EOI)
FOR CONDUCTING MANPOWER OPTIMIZATION STUDY IN SCCL

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), jointly owned by the Government of Telangana (51%) and the Government of India (49%), invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from reputed and experienced consulting firms for conducting a Comprehensive Manpower Optimization Study covering all mines, departments, and future diversification projects of the Company.

The study aims to map existing cadre strength, assess workforce deployment, and benchmark performance standards across SCCL's operations.

The interested firms are to submit their Expressions of Interest on or before **10.11.2025** in the prescribed format.

For further details like eligibility criteria, scope of work etc., please visit **https://scclmines.com**

PR/2025/ADVT/PER/EE/105
DIPR R.O. No. 766-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt.27-10-2025 **Director (PA&W)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mr. Raja Ashutosha Nayak and Mrs. Jayshree Kumar executed a Specific Power of Attorney dated 06/03/2023, in favour of Mrs. Jyotsnamayee Nayak to purchase the Schedule Properties and the same is lost while travelling and my client had filed a complaint in respect of this to Bengaluru City police Unit immediately after coming to his knowledge.

Any person/s having found the same may kindly be returned to the undersigned or to the jurisdictional police within 14 days from the date of this publication and if any person misusing the original one shall be prosecuted and if any one entering into any transaction without my client's knowledge with any third party my client shall not be responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Apartments bearing Nos. (1). E-901 on Ninth Floor in Block "E" measuring Super-built up Area of 1142 Sq. Feet along with One Covered Car Park & (2). Apartment No. A-702 on 7 th Floor Block "A" measuring Super-built up Area of 1599 Sq. Feet along with One Covered Car Park and both apartments are constructed in the building known as "VASWANI MENLO PARK" together with an undivided share of 459.37 Square Feet & 643.20 Square Feet respectively in the immovable converted land bearing Sy. No. 62(P) and 63/2 of Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, bearing BBMP amalgamation Katha No. 1455, Ward No. 85 measuring to an extent 5 Acres 17 Guntas and bounded by :-

East by: Road & Property in Sy. No. 58;
West by: Property in Sy. No. 63/1 & 62(P);
North by: Property in Sy. No. 65/3, 64 & Road; **South by:** Property in Sy. No. 61;

Sd/- AKHILA ASSOCIATES (Advocates)
No.83, First Floor, Cropexium,
Service Road, Karthiknagar,
Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037. Ph. 9741300393 / 7624808373

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is intending to purchase the immovable property bearing Survey No.68/7 (Old Sy No.68/1, much earlier Survey No. 68) measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas excluding 12 guntas kharab, situated at Korlahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikaballapura Taluk, Chikaballapura District, which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property".

Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest or period, in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owner or objecting to such transaction with our client, should write to the undersigned **within fifteen days (15 days)** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural **land bearing Survey No.68/7(Old Sy No.68/1, much earlier Survey No. 68) measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas excluding 12 guntas kharab, situated at Korlahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikaballapura Taluk, Chikaballapura District** and bounded as follows:

East by : Land in Survey No. 65 & 67
West by : Road and Village Boundary Nallakaderanahalli
North by : Land in Sy No. 68/6 & 65
South by : Land in Sy No. 38/2 of Melekote village

L.S Kiran Mayee Reddy, Advocate
Kiran Mayee Law Firm,
No. 10, G1, Naveen Apartments,13th Main Road, Palace Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru 560 052, Ph No. 9739163474

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING WING
Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023,
Telephone No.080-29557023 E-mail:cekhsdrp@gmail.com

No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-1/AE-9/HWC & BPHU Hassan Sub Div/TND/2025-26/2411 Date: 27.10.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in two Cover tender document system through Karnataka Public Procurement portal for the following works.

Sl. No.	Description of works	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakh)	EMD (Rs. In Lakh)	Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon)
1	Construction of Health and Wellness Centers at 1) Kataradahali in Chikkamagaluru Taluk, 2) Bhaktharahalli in Chikkamagaluru Taluk, 3) Pillenahalli in Kadur Taluk, 4) Haadikere in Tarikere Taluk, 5) Bappunji in Koppa Taluk, 6) Hodiyala in N.R. Pura Taluk, 7) Kunnalu in Chikkamagaluru District **(Call-6).**	380.00	5.70	6 Months
2	Construction of Block Level Public Health Unit at GH Tarikere, GH Kadur in Chikkamagaluru District and GH Sakaleshpura, GH Alur in Hassan District **(Call-4).**	200.00	3.00	6 Months

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **10.11.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **11.11.2025 at 16.30 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP Portal Platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPPP Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: (1) All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on KPP Portal.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

Devil in the details

The Election Commission's SIR must not repeat Bihar's glaring anomalies

After Bihar, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has now embarked on a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 12 States and Union Territories. Its stated goal is unambiguous – to update the rolls which have been affected by frequent migration, dead voters and other inaccuracies, which have been pointed out by political parties, the Congress in particular. Yet, the experience in Bihar suggests that the process, as envisaged, could risk the disenfranchisement of a significant number of people. It was conducted on a short timeline – roughly a month for enumeration and a month for claims and objections. The most significant change now is the formal provision of a "Notice period" for hearing and verification for about 54 days. The hurried approach in Bihar produced glaring statistical anomalies in the final roll. The gender ratio fell to 892 women per 1,000 men from 907 in the pre-SIR roll – well below recent survey figures for Bihar. Women voters were disproportionately excluded in areas with higher female than male turnout in the general election 2024, particularly in the 18-29 age group under the "permanently shifted" category. High female turnout relative to low registration typically indicates male migration, yet more women were deleted despite the SIR's stated aim to remove migrants not "ordinarily resident".

These anomalies seem to be built into the ECI's procedural framework, where the primary onus of verification is unduly borne by citizens and party representatives – Booth Level Agents – beyond Booth Level Officers. Expecting members from parties to ensure the inclusion of all eligible voters is problematic as they are more concerned about political competition. The ECI's non-response to the anomalies – anyone left out can re-register with the help of BLAs – is inadequate. After the Supreme Court's intervention, the ECI had to publish lists of all excluded voters with reasons, leading to some correction. An amended model is now being replicated across a larger canvas. While the ECI's provision for BLOs to make three house visits is welcome, temporary migrants who might be absent during the enumeration window despite remaining "ordinarily resident" by law, could still lose out. The ECI's stated mitigation, allowing electors to fill the Enumeration Form online, is insufficient. This provision overlooks the digital divide and literacy challenges, placing an undue burden on voters who are not physically present to be assisted by a BLO. As this exercise unfolds, it is incumbent upon civil society, the media and parties to assume a role of intense vigilance lest this affects the integrity of India's electoral democracy.

New chapter

Türkiye must ease restrictions in the Kurdish region and release Öcalan

The Kurdistan Workers Party's (PKK) announcement that it would withdraw all its fighters from Türkiye to northern Iraq marks a significant step in the peace process between Kurdish militants and the Turkish state. When the group's imprisoned leader, Abdullah Öcalan, called on the PKK to disarm and dissolve in February, many doubted whether the outfit would honour his appeal. It has been waging an insurgency for decades. But in March, its executive committee declared that "none of our forces will take armed action unless attacked". On May 12, the group announced its full dissolution, and that its demands could be met through "democratic politics". Its fighters even held a symbolic weapons destruction ceremony. The group's demands have changed over the years. An initial demand for an independent state for the Kurds was later moderated to greater rights and limited autonomy for the Kurdish region. But decades of violence, which claimed some 50,000 lives, seem to have blunted the PKK's appetite for insurgency. Mr. Öcalan has been in jail since his capture in February 1999, while most of the group's senior commanders operate from northern Iraq, which is periodically bombed by Türkiye. Political groups linked to the PKK have faced sustained crackdowns inside Türkiye.

Türkiye's President Erdoğan has called the PKK's decision to disarm "an irreversible turning point". He has also appointed a 51-member cross-party parliamentary commission to chart the path forward. But the rebels are pressing for faster and firmer legislative action that would allow them to join "democratic politics". Türkiye's southeastern Kurdish regions have endured decades of military operations, displacement and economic stagnation. They deserve peace. The PKK is still a banned, terrorist organisation in Türkiye and allied countries. For the peace process to hold, Türkiye needs a new legal framework, governing amnesty, political participation, and the protection of Kurdish cultural and linguistic rights as the militants transition into political life. Without clear laws, disarmed PKK fighters could remain stranded in the mountains of northern Iraq, while their supporters at home would feel betrayed. Peaceful resolution of the Kurdish question could offer a template for addressing Kurdish grievances across the region – Iraq, Syria and Iran. Conversely, failure could reignite Türkiye's conflict and embolden hardliners elsewhere who insist that states understand only force. Mr. Erdoğan should match the PKK's decision with irreversible measures, including releasing Mr. Öcalan, easing restrictions in the Kurdish region and enacting laws that end the conflict and open a new chapter for Türkiye.

Big Tech's contempt for Indian public health

Since 1927, when the topic of drug regulation was first discussed in the Council of State after Sir Haroon Jaffer sought a resolution regarding the "control of the craze for medicinal drugs", the issue of advertisements of drugs claiming to have a therapeutic effect on humans has been a serious public health concern.

It took 27 years before India tackled the issue through the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act (DMRA), 1954. This law prohibits any advertisements of any drugs, whether approved or not by the regulator, for a list of 54 medical conditions. For example, the law prohibits the advertisement of any drug for the treatment of diabetes, regardless of whether its efficacy has been clinically established.

Dinesh S. Thakur

is the author of 'The Truth Pill: The Myth of Drug Regulation in India' (Simon & Schuster)

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is the co-author of 'The Truth Pill: The Myth of Drug Regulation in India' (Simon & Schuster)

The advent of Internet-based advertising

A lot has changed since 1954, especially in the world of advertisement. The Internet and the rise of Big Tech platforms, in the nature of search engines, social media platforms, video-sharing platforms and online marketplaces for goods, have steadily eaten into the traditional avenues of advertising in print and broadcast formats. This shift has not only upended print journalism across the world which was reliant on advertisements, but also made it far tougher for governments across the world to police advertisements published on these Big Tech platforms headquartered in the United States.

In a deep dive on the advertising policies and practices of the most popular American Big Tech platforms in India, we were astonished to note that not a single one of them warns advertisers not to submit for publication, advertisements which are in violation of the DMRA. Thus, it is no surprise that all Big Tech platforms routinely publish a wide variety of misleading advertisements, especially for ayurvedic and homeopathic products. For example, a simple search for "ayurveda" + "blood pressure tablets" or "homeopathy" + "diabetes" on the most popular search engine and online market place in India will throw up a variety of advertisements on these platforms under the "sponsored" tag, indicating that they have been paid for by advertisers.

One of the most popular social media platforms features video advertisements by a notorious godman with the claim of being able to cure all kinds of diseases using ayurvedic products.

Similarly, a search of the online ad-libraries of these Big Tech platforms reveals a long list of offending advertisements, including those for cow-urine based products to treat cancers; these advertisements were supported by a charitable programme run by the Big Tech platform. All these advertisements are in violation of the DMRA.

None of these Big Tech platforms runs similar advertisements in the United States for ayurvedic and homeopathic products. The policies of these platforms for advertisements for health-related products to be displayed to users based in the U.S. are elaborate, with some even having pre-screening mechanisms that are meant to ensure compliance with tough American laws; these laws prohibit advertisements for therapeutic claims that are not approved by the drug regulator. In the U.S., violation of American law can attract swift criminal prosecution.

> The rise in misleading advertisements by popular platforms is also linked to the immunity that Big Tech enjoys in India

Disregard for Indian law

So, what explains Big Tech's brazen disregard of Indian laws such as the DMRA?

The first reason could be the traditional contempt that American corporations, dating back to Union Carbide, have shown for the lives of Indians. It is possible that this contempt arises from systemic racism that afflicts the management of American corporations, wherein Indian lives are not considered to be comparable to American lives.

The second is that Big Tech has escaped serious punishment earlier for violation of another law called The Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 (PNDT). This law prevents advertisements for products and services related to determination of the sex of the unborn foetus. A PIL was filed in 2008 by an activist before the Supreme Court of India pointing out how Big Tech platforms were in brazen violation of this law. Before the Court, Big Tech was evasive on the point of instituting proactive measures to block such advertisements, insisting that it was under an obligation to remove offending advertisements only if government or others informed them about such violations. To make a long story short, Big Tech fell back into a familiar pattern of deception, by claiming that it was the "intermediary" not the "publisher".

Under Indian law, intermediaries have qualified immunity from legal liability for content generated by their users because they are presumed to lack knowledge of each piece of content that is posted by users. But when it comes to advertisements, Big Tech knows very well that it is the "publisher" and not the "intermediary". The marketing teams of Big Tech on the ground in India actively pitch for advertisements, sign contracts with advertisers and accept payments for the purpose of displaying the advertisement on their platform. They have complete knowledge about these advertisements; hence, they are publishers and not mere intermediaries who can claim immunity under the law.

The PIL regarding the violation of the PNDT languished for nine years before ending with the usual insipid orders for the creation of a government committee to look into the issue. Criminal prosecution was never ordered by the Court despite being the prescribed punishment under the PNDT Act. The abject failure of the Court to enforce the law by ordering criminal prosecutions, and the process which frustrates litigants who represent public interest in such cases undoubtedly emboldened Big Tech's sense of impunity in India.

The third reason is that Big Tech is aware that the U.S. government would never extradite top managerial personnel from America to face criminal prosecution in India for violating the DMRA. Big Tech's employees running Indian subsidiaries located on Indian territory cannot be prosecuted because the Indian subsidiary is a different legal entity from its parent company located in the U.S., which legally owns and operates the advertising platforms in India. Undoubtedly, this implicit immunity is what fuels Big Tech's bad behaviour in India.

The need for reforms

Tackling Big Tech's dangerous violations of the DMRA should be an urgent priority in a country such as India which self-prescribes medicines and has an inherent bias toward "nationalist" tropes.

Registering criminal complaints before courts of competent jurisdiction against the management of these platforms would be a good first step. If Big Tech declines to produce its competent managerial personnel before an Indian court to face these charges, the government will be compelled to ensure reforms that will make Big Tech answerable to Indian sovereignty.

It is perhaps time for India to take a page from the new American playbook to regulate Tik Tok and create new regulatory mechanisms. This is to ensure that the managerial personnel responsible for creating and enforcing content and advertising related policies in India are Indian citizens who are based in Indian territory and answerable to Indian courts. Anything short of the threat of jail time for key managerial personnel will fail to ensure that Big Tech's complies with Indian law.

Further, a failure of Big Tech to comply with these legal requirements should result in a revocation of the immunity granted to Big Tech under Indian intermediary laws from legal action for user-generated content. Big Tech cannot be allowed to enjoy these benefits under Indian law if it does not enforce relevant Indian laws to protect public health in India.

A start for North-South carbon market cooperation

On September 17, 2025, the European Union (EU) and India set out a new comprehensive strategic agenda in their joint communication. Called the New Strategic EU-India Agenda, it primarily addresses five pillars on which their partnership will be enhanced: prosperity and sustainability; technology and innovation; security and defence; connectivity and global issues, and enablers across pillars. Buried in the section on clean transition is a critical line that the EU will link the Indian Carbon Market (ICM) with the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

In plain terms, carbon prices paid in India will be deducted from CBAM levies at the EU border. This is a breakthrough. It could prevent Indian exporters from being penalised twice and reward early decarbonisation. However, major barriers still plague its operationalisation. Unless addressed, they will stall this integration before it delivers real gains.

Shashank Pandey

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Underdeveloped Indian carbon market

India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), commonly referred to as ICM, is still an evolving architecture. Unlike the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), which has a two decade record of robust auction structure, cap-setting processes, and independent verification, India's scheme is built on fragmented foundations. Current credits are often based on intensity improvements or project-based offsets, not absolute caps on emissions, wherein the ICM is moving. The CBAM, however, requires a tonne-for-tonne accounting of embedded carbon in goods. Without legally binding caps and strong penalties for non-compliance, EU regulators will treat Indian credits as second class.

There is also no current institutional equivalent in India to the EU's independent regulators or emissions registries that guarantee market integrity. In effect, the EU cannot "deduct" Indian carbon prices unless it is confident that the underlying system delivers environmental integrity. Bridging this institutional gap is not a technical fix. It requires a structural redesign of the ICM to mirror the compliance-grade features of the EU's ETS. Imagining this substantive pivot within the Indian our bureaucratic understanding and operation anytime soon is challenging.

> The linking of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism with the Indian carbon market is significant but there are hurdles to cross

CBAM also relies on a clear and stringent carbon price. In the EU's ETS, the price floats around €60 to €80 a tonne. In India, initial carbon credit prices hover in the range of €5 and €10. Unless the carbon price is comparable and enforced across covered sectors, European regulators will not deduct much, if anything, at the border.

Worse, exporters may end up facing both the Indian compliance cost and the EU's full CBAM levy. This creates political risk inside India, where industries may resist a "double burden" and they could lobby to water down India's scheme, i.e., compliance parameters under ICM. Bridging the price gap requires either targeted sectoral carbon contracts or a negotiated floor price that aligns with CBAM expectations. Both are politically difficult options to negotiate.

Fundamental nature of CBAM

Even if technical and price issues are solved, CBAM remains controversial. India and other developing countries have consistently opposed it at the WTO and international dialogues as being a unilateral and protectionist measure. Agreeing to a linkage between India's carbon market and CBAM, therefore, creates a political contradiction that India would be legitimising a mechanism it has formally resisted.

This tension will resurface in disputes. For instance, if the EU deems India's carbon price to be "insufficient" and refuses full deductions, exporters will cry foul, and New Delhi will be forced to escalate the issue politically or legally. There is also a sovereignty issue because carbon pricing is a domestic policy tool, but CBAM effectively gives Brussels a say in whether India's measures are "good enough". For a country that guards its policy space, this could become a red line. Beyond trade law, there is a strategic risk wherein CBAM deductions will work only if India maintains a steady, transparent carbon market. Any domestic political backtracking, for example, rolling back compliance under industry pressure, would immediately expose exporters to full CBAM costs, destabilising trade flows. In short, the linkage is hostage not only to WTO legalities but also to domestic political economy and EU-India trust.

Looking at optimistic resolutions

The Indian carbon market and CBAM linkage is one of the most significant agreements under the strategy agenda by the two big global economies. If it works, it shields Indian exporters, accelerates industrial decarbonisation, and creates a model for North-South carbon market cooperation. But weak domestic architecture, misaligned carbon prices, and political contradictions may sink it. There is an underlying case to be made for more comprehensive collaboration. India can strengthen its market design, and the EU can offer clarity and technical support for a smooth transition. Otherwise, this "breakthrough" will remain on paper, while Indian exporters continue to pay at the border.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIC's 'investments'

The Washington Post has reported that the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) invested money in an industrial group in India. If the LIC is confident that the allegations made are malicious, why cannot it initiate legal action?

The LIC and the central government owe the nation a convincing explanation, with a white paper, on all the investments made by public sector companies, particularly the LIC.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

The functional autonomy of public sector undertakings has been under a cloud due to the perception of interference by the government, especially in the last decade. Hence, it does not come as a surprise that there are reports of the 'disturbing misuse' of the LIC's funds. It is troubling that the government appears to be extending undue favour to a business group which is on the radar of foreign agencies for various irregularities.

J. Anantha Padmanabhan,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

I am sure that the LIC, with decades of investment management experience, would have regulator-mandated and board approved risk-management policies. The big question is whether these risk policies permit the LIC to be the sole subscriber or even the sole underwriter of issues. There appears to be systemic failure in prudent governance by the Life Insurance Corporation of India and its regulators.

Sushil Prasad,
Hyderabad

There is an inescapable conclusion that an orchestrated campaign seems to be on to destabilise India's robust economy and to defame a prestigious institution like the LIC.

Seshagiri Row Karry,
Hyderabad

Safer driving

The remark made by a senior police official, in the ongoing investigation into the Kurnool bus tragedy, that "drunk drivers are terrorists", underscores a harsh truth — that drink-driving is not a mistake but a preventable crime.

There needs to be consistent enforcement — routine alcohol testing, swift licence suspension, and strict penalties for offenders along with strong public awareness campaigns that treat drink-driving as a social crime, and not a personal lapse. Only firm laws and responsible behaviour can stop the needless loss of lives on India's roads.

As'ad Kabir Nagari,
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

A legacy in advertising

Piyush Pandey, the creative genius behind Ogilvy India, leaves a legacy that reshaped Indian advertising. He told stories that captured India's soul and his campaigns were vignettes of our lives, blending humour, heart, and cultural truth.

In an era of algorithms, he has reminded us that storytelling is an art.

Shreyan Kumar Mishra,
Kolkata

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The race for global leadership in science

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The Trump administration is recurrently cutting basic research funding and disrupting the U.S. science and technology (S&T) system as never before. More than 1,000 grants were terminated between January 20 and March 2025 at three government agencies. The National Cancer Institute funding is down by 31%; the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by 21%; the National Science Foundation by 9%; and even NASA was not spared. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, signed into law on July 4, calls for a 56% cut to the current $9 billion NSF budget and a 73% reduction in staff and fellowships. The Environmental Protection Agency is being pruned drastically. Across the S&T system, about 4,000 research grants have been cancelled, according to *Nature* (June 25, 2025).

The mRNA vaccine programme, which won a Nobel Prize in 2023, faces a $500 million cut along with 22 more vaccine projects. USAID faces shutdown, eliminating programmes for HIV, TB, and malaria in Africa, while funding for the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization has been withdrawn. These actions threaten fundamental research and weaken the pipeline of cutting-edge innovation. The U.S., once the leading magnet for global talent, is experiencing brain drain.

Brain drain

An anthropologist studying the impact of floods and cyclones on public health in Madagascar is leaving Johns Hopkins for Oxford after her fellowship was withdrawn. Another senior researcher at Ohio State University abandoned a clinical trial after NIH terminated funding (*The Guardian*, July 20, 2025). The National Association of Foreign Student Advisors reported in August a massive decline in international students – 1,50,000 fewer this fall. This represents a $7 billion revenue loss and 60,000 jobs (*Forbes*, August 3, 2025). Since 2018, the 'China Initiative' has pushed thousands of Chinese scientists to return home to leading universities and institutes. European scientists are also leaving Ivy League universities (*Nature*, May 13, 2025).

In contrast, China has steadily increased science, technology, and innovation (STI) investments over the past two decades, making strategic, long-term commitments to frontier research. China's research output – both in quantity and quality – has surged across biosciences, chemistry, physical sciences, earth and environmental sciences, and health sciences, while Western institutions slid down in the Nature Index Research Leaders Rankings ending December 31, 2024. Of the top 10 universities globally, eight are Chinese. The highest ranking was led by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, ranked above Harvard University. The only European institution is the Max Planck Society in Germany (*Nature*, July 24, 2025).

Since the mid-1990s, higher education policies such as Project 211, Project 985, and the C9 League have enhanced research intensity and teaching quality. By 2015, China had about a dozen world-class universities, many of which now compete with top Western institutions. "China's contribution to world-class science is advancing so quickly that its lead over the U.S. in the Nature Index database has multiplied more than fourfold in just one year, based on 2024 data," said an article in Nature. Data from Clarivate Analytics also show that between 2018 and 2020, China produced 27.2% of the world's top 1% most-cited papers, compared to the U.S.'s 24.9% (*The Guardian*, August 11, 2022).

China's further rise

Most scientometric analyses predict China will surge further ahead in the coming years. One area of clear leadership is AI. Stanford University's AI Index Report 2023 found that China accounted for nearly 40% of all AI publications in 2021, far exceeding Europe and the U.K. (15%) and the U.S. (10%). Chinese papers also represented 29% of global AI citations in 2021, ahead of Europe and the U.K. (21.5%) and the U.S. (15%) (*Nature*, August 10, 2023).

In terms of gross domestic expenditure on R&D, in 2023, the U.S. spent $823.4 billion, compared to China's $780.7 billion. However, China's R&D spending is growing at 8.7% annually – far faster than the U.S. (1.7%), the EU (1.6%), Germany (0.8%), and France (-0.5%), according to OECD data. While the administration systematically cuts budgets across U.S. universities, research institutions, and the NSF, Chinese leadership has launched sweeping STI programmes to reinforce its R&D base in frontier sciences. As the Made in China 2025 programme concludes, the Medium- and Long-Term Plan for the Development of Science and Technology (2021-2035) and the Science and Technology Innovation Mega Program (2030) target strategic fields such as quantum research, AI, and semiconductors, aiming to secure China's position as a global science and technology powerhouse.

China is also poised to expand the share of basic research within its GERD. Current levels of about 7% are expected to rise towards the U.S. benchmark of 20% in the next few years. If present trends continue, China is likely within 2-3 years to surpass the U.S. not only as the world's largest R&D spender but also as its leading science and technology nation.

For decades after World War II, the U.S. was the global leader in science and innovation, home to world-class universities and pioneering breakthroughs. Today, however, the rapid erosion of public investment in R&D and higher education threatens that position. If the current trajectory holds, China's rise – driven by consistent, large-scale funding and coordinated policy – may outpace the U.S., reshaping the global innovation landscape and the geopolitical balance of the 21st century.

As the U.S. steps back, China is surging ahead

Playing politics over Zubeen Garg

Since his death, parties in Assam have been engaged in a battle of one-upmanship

STATE OF PLAY

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Six years after he threw his weight behind the violent anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act stir and sang "Politics *nokoriba bondhu* (Don't do politics, friend)", cultural icon Zubeen Garg is at the centre of a political storm in Assam.

Since Garg died in Singapore on September 13, the ruling BJP and its rivals have been engaged in a battle of one-upmanship. The leaders of these parties have been trying to project themselves as the biggest fans of the singer-composer-actor. They have also been targeting one another for being allegedly close to the accused in the case.

The desperation is understandable. The wave of emotions triggered by Garg's "mysterious" death in Singapore shows no signs of stopping as Assam inches closer to Assembly elections, due by May 2026.

Garg was hugely popular for his craft, philanthropy, and propensity to take a stand, like he did against the CAA and the outlawed United Liberation Front of Asom, when it "banned" Hindi songs during the Bohag Bihu programmes. He also spoke out against government policies, even criticising Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for the felling of trees for a flyover in Guwahati in 2024. However, he kept his activism separate from his professional pursuits. This explains why he sang the theme song for the Khelo India event in Guwahati when the anti-CAA protest was at its peak.

Garg died by drowning, according to the Singapore Police Force. But his sudden death began escalating into a major political issue when millions of his fans virtually laid siege to Guwahati for four days until his funeral. While the BJP-led government moved fast to ensure a smooth final journey for him and book those accused of causing his death, rivals exploited the charged atmosphere.

For over a month after Garg's death, political parties and pressure groups have been in a contest to control the narrative surrounding his legacy. While the government constituted a Special Investigation Team and arrested seven people, including Garg's manager Siddharth Sharma and event organiser Shyamkanu Mahanta, at whose programme Garg was to have performed, the Congress has accused the BJP of shielding the accused because of interests involved. Mr. Sarma provided fuel for the Opposition by suggesting that the BJP fared poorly in the Bodoland Territorial Council elections, held on September 22, because Garg's death affected the party's campaign. He warned of foul play (by political rivals) in the fight for justice for Garg and advised people to vote the BJP out in 2026 if the government failed to conduct a proper probe.

Citing cases of mob violence – first on September 25 when the police searched Sharma's residence in Guwahati; and then on October 15, at Mushalpur, when the five accused were transferred to the Baksa Central Jail – Mr. Sarma advised the people not to turn Assam "into Nepal" and "weaponise" Garg's death. Pointing to his detractors, he said people "who were never Zubeen's fans are now using his name for their own agenda".

Leaders of the Congress, the Raijor Dal, and the Assam Jatiya Parishad have been relentlessly attacking Mr. Sarma and the BJP for "probe sloth" to "save the accused". They have been flooding social media handles with photos showing the prime accused with the Chief Minister and other BJP leaders. The BJP has been countering their allegations by presenting similar photos of the accused with Opposition leaders, including Congress president Gaurav Gogoi and Raijor Dal president, Akhil Gogoi. The BJP has also launched a 'Nyay Yatra' (justice march).

Behind the political manoeuvres is the fact that Garg was a unifying figure, whose calls for inclusivity were in sharp contrast with the divisive rhetoric in Assam over the past few years. Garg's fan base encompasses the Assamese and the Adivasis, who are a potent electoral force in central and eastern Assam; the Bengalis in southern and central Assam; and the migrant Muslims, often labelled Bangladeshi, of central and western Assam; apart from the tribal people scattered across the State. They all continue to demand justice for their icon.

Garg's death has, thus, created an opportunity for the Opposition, earlier perceived to lack adequate firepower to dislodge the BJP and its allies, and magnified the problems for the BJP to the extent of making Mr. Sarma release a video saying "anti-government politics in the name of Zubeen" will not be tolerated.

Poll-bound Bihar ranks last in most social and economic indicators

In terms of the Human Development Index, Bihar ranked last among the 27 States which had relevant data in 2022

DATA POINT

Nitika Francis

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the grand alliance (Mahagathbandhan) are gearing up to face each other at the Bihar Assembly elections. Voting is scheduled on November 6 and 11 and the results will be announced on November 14. An indicator-based analysis of the State shows that it features somewhere at the bottom on most economic and social measures.

Table 1 shows Bihar's rank in various social indicators and its score for each parameter in 2019-21, 2015-16, and 2005-06. It also lists the scores of the top three highest ranked States for each parameter. As of 2019-2021, only 61% of Bihar's female population had ever attended school. This makes it the State with the second lowest share among the 29 States whose data we considered for this parameter. Similarly, 41% of women (aged 20-24) in Bihar were married below the age of 18. The State ranks second highest among the 29 States for this parameter.

Bihar's rankings on health indicators paint a bleak picture. Where India's infant mortality rate was 35.2 (infant mortality rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births), Bihar's was notably higher at 46.8. The State also had the lowest share of population that used improved sanitation facilities; and the highest share of underweight children in 2019-21. Even in some indicators where the State did not fare as poorly in 2015-16, its rank slid to the bottom tier by 2019-21. For instance, in terms of share of wasted children (underweight for their height), Bihar ranked 20 out of 29 States in 2015-16, and 27 out of 29 in 2019-21.

Notably, in all the health and women empowerment-related indicators listed in Table 1, Bihar never once featured among the top 15 ranked States in 2005-06, 2015-16, or 2019-21. In fact, the State only regressed in successive years in most indicators.

The Human Development Index (HDI) is a score created by the UNDP to assess a nation or subnation on the basis of length of life, access to knowledge, and standard of living. India's average HDI score was 0.644 as of 2022, while Bihar's was 0.609 **(Table 2)**. In this measure, Bihar stood last among the 27 States that had data in 2022. Goa ranked first with a score of 0.791, while Kerala ranked second with a score of 0.789.

Bihar was also the worst performing State in 2023-24 in terms of per capita net State domestic product (at current prices) **(Table 3).** Per capita net State domestic product measures the average economic output per person in a State. Bihar's ranking was also poor in terms of employment in the manufacturing and services sectors. In 2023-24, manufacturing accounted for only about 6% of total employment in the State, while the services sector contributed around 25%.

Bihar ranked second last out of 29 States in terms of Gross Enrollment Rate for higher education. Only 17.1% of those who completed school entered college education in Bihar. The State ranked 28th in terms of Gross Enrollment Rate for higher secondary education. Only 35.9% of children in the eligible age group entered higher secondary classes. It also had the third highest dropout rate in the country among secondary school students.

Despite the low rankings, the State scored well in environmental indicators. The State only generated 0.61 tonnes of plastic per 1,000 population, ranking 6th out of 29 States. It also consumed the lowest amount of fossil fuel per capita among 29 States. However, it is to be noted that States with lower industrial activity may have lower fossil fuel consumption.

Bihar fact file

Data for the charts were sourced from Niti Aayog, the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, the National Family Health Survey and the Reserve Bank of India

Table 1: Bihar's rank in various health and women empowerment-related indicators

Indicator	Value in 2019-21	Bihar's rank	Top major States	Value in 2015-16	Bihar's rank	Value in 2005-06	Bihar's rank
Female population aged 6 years and above who ever attended school (%)	61.1	28 out of 29	■ Kerala 95.5 ■ NCT Delhi 83.8 ■ Himachal Pradesh 81	56.9	29 out of 29	39.4	28 out of 28
Women aged 20-24 years who married before the age of 18 years (%)	40.8	28 out of 29	■ Himachal Pradesh 5.4 ■ Kerala 6.3 ■ Punjab 8.7	42.5	29 out of 29	60.3	25 out of 27
Infant mortality rate (IMR)	46.8	27 out of 29	■ Kerala 4.4 ■ Tamil Nadu 18.6 ■ West Bengal 22	48.1	27 out of 29	61	21 out of 27
Stunted children (height-for-age) (%)	42.9	29 out of 29	■ Kerala 23.4 ■ Punjab 24.5 ■ Tamil Nadu 25	48.3	29 out of 29	55.6	26 out of 27
Wasted children (weight-for-height) (%)	22.9	27 out of 29	■ Punjab 10.6 ■ NCT Delhi 11.2 ■ Haryana 11.5	20.8	20 out of 29	27.1	24 out of 29
Underweight children (weight-for-age) (%)	41	29 out of 29	■ Punjab 16.9 ■ Kerala 19.7 ■ Uttarakhand -21	43.9	29 out of 29	55.9	25 out of 27
Households with any member covered under a health insurance/financing scheme (%)	14.6	29 out of 29	■ Rajasthan 87.8 ■ Chhattisgarh 71.4 ■ Andhra Pradesh 70.2	12.3	25 out of 29	0.9	26 out of 27
Population that use an improved sanitation facility (%)	49.4	29 out of 29	■ Kerala 98.7 ■ Punjab 86.6 ■ Haryana 85	26.5	29 out of 29	-	-

Table 2: Human Development Index (HDI)

Indicator	Value in 2022	Bihar's rank	Top major State
HDI	0.609	27 out of 27	■ Kerala 0.789

Table 3: Per Capita Net State Domestic Product (Current)

Indicator	Value in 2023-24	Bihar's rank	Top major State
NSDP	60,337	25 out of 25	■ Telangana - 3,56,564

Table 4: Share of employment in service and manufacturing sectors

Indicator	2023-24	Bihar's rank	Top major States
% in service sector	25.5%	21 out of 29	■ Kerala 44.2% ■ Haryana 39.1%
% in manufacturing sector	5.7%	23 out of 29	■ Gujarat 23.7% ■ WB 18.7%

Table 5: Bihar's rank in education-related indicators

Indicator	2023-24	Bihar's rank	Top major States
Net enrolment ratio (class 1-8)	97%	18 out of 29	Multiple States - 100
Dropout rate (class 9-10)	20.5%	27 out of 29	■ HP 1.5% ■ TN 4.5%
Gross enrolment ratio (class 11-12)	35.9%	28 out of 29	■ HP 94.1% ■ Kerala 85%
Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education (18-23 years)	17.1%	28 out of 29	■TN 47% ■ HP 43.1%

Table 6: Bihar's rank in environmental indicators

Indicator	Value in 2023-24	Bihar's rank	Top major States
Plastic waste generated (Average plastic generated per 1,000 population in tonnes)	0.61	6 out of 29	■ Jharkhand 0.53 ■ Andhra Pradesh 0.75
Per capita fossil fuel consumption (Average fossil fuel consumed per capita)	44.7	1 out of 29	■ Uttar Pradesh 86.13 ■ Assam 88.4

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 28, 1975

Simultaneous bomb blasts in 3 U.S. cities

New York, Oct. 27: An apparently co-ordinated series of bomb explosions to-day blasted buildings in New York and Chicago and the State Department offices in Washington.

Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said they had not attributed the blasts to any particular individuals or groups.

One anonymous call in Chicago referred to U.S. Veteran's Day, being celebrated to-day and in New York a woman speaking for a militant Puerto Rican independence group warned of a single bomb -- but there was no blast at the address she gave.

The woman referred to the group as the FALN, the Puerto Rican band which claimed responsibility for a recent bomb blast outside a dining club in the Wall Street area. That explosion killed four people.

Today's blasts caused no serious injuries but scattered masonry and glass at all locations. The U.S. mission to the United Nations, which was among the New York targets, sustained light damage. The mission is across the street from the U.N. headquarters.

One of the Chicago bombs was set off outside the tallest skyscraper in the U.S.

All the blasts erupted before dawn and within an hour of each other, with banks and business corporations also being hit. The police said the explosions were caused by medium to heavy devices.

In Chicago, explosive devices were set off outside the Sears building – the tallest in the U.S. – and the offices of the Illinois Continental Bank and International Business Machines (IBA).

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 28, 1925

Tata hydro-electric concerns

Bombay, Oct. 28: The Bombay Chronicle states editorially, that a critical financial difficulty has risen in the case of the various hydro-electric enterprises in charge of the Tatas and that, failing State assistance, as in the case of the steel industry, the hydro-electric enterprises may go into the hands of foreign debenture holders. The paid up capital of the Tata hydro-electric concerns is estimated at Rs. 12 crores.

From Page One

SIR 2.0 to begin in 12 States, Union Territories

The first phase of the SIR was held in Bihar following which more than 68 lakh names were deleted from the electoral rolls.

Most States had the last SIR of the voter lists done between 2002 and 2004, and they have nearly completed the mapping of current electors according to the last exercise. Voter mapping involves standardising addresses and correcting discrepancies.

In this phase of the SIR, the house-to-house enumeration will take place for a month from November 4 to December 4, and the draft rolls will be published on December 9. Claims and objections can be raised from December 9 to January 8. Notices will be issued, and hearings and verifications will take place between December 9 and January 31. Booth-level officers will be trained, and forms will be printed between October 28 and November 3. The final electoral rolls will be published on February 7, the poll body said.

To a question on the demands for putting off the SIR exercise in Kerala where local body elections are scheduled, Mr. Kumar said the poll notification was yet to be issued.

On the SIR in West Bengal, where the ruling Trinamool Congress has raised concerns about the exercise, the CEC said the Commission was doing its constitutional duty by carrying out the SIR, and the State government will perform its duties by giving all support and manpower needed.

Asked whether the poll body will give new EPIC cards to all voters as stated during the SIR in Bihar, Mr. Kumar said fresh voter IDs will be given to only those who have any change in their particulars.

Cyclone set to cross A.P. coast; red alert issued

Stations in the central and south coastal parts of the State received light showers. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to ensure that aid reaches without delay.

Rainfall data compiled by the State Directorate of Economics and Statistics showed Jathara in Visakhapatnam district receiving the day's highest rainfall of 92.25 mm, followed by Madhurawada with 86 mm and Kapuluppada with 85.25 mm. The alerts for SPSR Nellore, Prakasam, Bapatla, Guntur, Krishna, West Godavari, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema, Kakinada, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram for Monday will stay till 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the IMD said.

For Tuesday, red alerts have been issued for 16 districts and orange alerts for five districts. Except for SPSR Nellore and the eight districts of the Rayalaseema region, all other districts are under red alert as isolated extremely heavy rainfall is likely, with the cyclonic storm likely to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by Tuesday morning, the IMD added. It said the cyclonic storm over west-central and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal moved northwestwards at a speed of 13 kmph and remained over the same region at 8.30 p.m. It was positioned at 400 km east-northeast of Chennai in Tamil Nadu, 410 km south-southeast of Kakinada and 460 km south-southeast of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and 640 km south-southwest of Gopalpur in Odisha.

It is likely to move north-northwestwards and intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by Tuesday morning. Continuing to move further north-northwestwards, it is likely to cross the Andhra Pradesh coast in the evening.

Holding a high-level review meeting on Monday, Mr. Naidu has directed officials to issue hourly bulletins on Cyclone Montha. He also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally enquired about the State's preparedness and has assured all possible help. Mr. Naidu directed officials to keep 3,211 generators ready across 110 mandals for power backup at 2,707 villages. He instructed that National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and SDRF teams remain on standby, and that the Fire Services, Electricity, Roads and Buildings, and Panchayat Raj departments stay fully alert.

BJP hits out at Opposition for its views on pan-India SIR

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday criticised the Opposition, including the Congress, for its stand on the Election Commission's decision to conduct the special intensive revision (SIR) of voter list in 12 States and Union Territories.

BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said the Opposition parties were like a "herd of dissatisfied souls" and a "master class in hypocrisy".

"It is evident from the fact that on the one hand they will say the SIR is for stealing of votes, the SIR is against the Constitution, and it should not be done. On the other hand, the SIR is being demanded by the Opposition parties in Maharashtra before the local body polls," Mr. Poonawalla said.

Meanwhile, BJP IT cell in-charge Amit Malviya questioned a major bureaucratic reshuffle in West Bengal.

"Just ahead of this [SIR] announcement, the West Bengal government has carried out a massive bureaucratic reshuffle – transferring 17 DMs, 22 ADMs, 45 SDOs, and 151 BDOs," he said.
(With PTI inputs)

Why the rush for SIR when SC is hearing case, asks Opposition

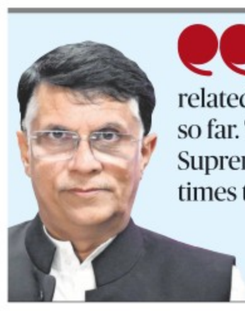
Parties fear legitimate voters will be removed from the electoral rolls; Congress says poll body's intentions and credibility are under suspicion

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Soon after the Election Commission (EC) announced special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 12 States and Union Territories, the Opposition parties on Monday questioned the "rush" when the Supreme Court was hearing the case regarding the SIR in poll-bound Bihar.

The parties said the move should not become an "excuse" to delete legitimate voters. Questioning the exercise, the Congress alleged that the poll body's intentions and credibility were under suspicion as neither the voters nor the Opposition were satisfied with it.

"We have not yet received answers to the questions related to the SIR conducted in Bihar so far. The situation was such that the Supreme Court had to step in several times to rectify the SIR in Bihar," Congress's media and publicity head Pawan Khera said.



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> **PAWAN KHERA**
> Congress's media and publicity head

CPI(M) general secretary M.A. Baby said the Kerala Assembly had unanimously passed a resolution against conducting such an exercise in the State. "The manner in which the EC has turned a deaf ear to all demands for transparency only validates doubts that they are acting at the behest of the ruling party and its nefarious plot to manipulate voter lists," Mr. Baby said.

'Bihar a lesson for all'

CPI general secretary D. Raja said the EC, a constitutional body, was mandated to ensure that every legitimate citizen got to exercise his right to vote. "What happened in Bihar is a lesson not only to the political parties but also to the EC. They [EC] must ensure a level playing field," Mr. Raja told *The Hindu*.

National Conference leader and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said there were apprehensions about SIR in Bihar and the EC should not rush into other States. "Let the elections in Bihar be completed, then we will see whether it was beneficial at all," he said.

Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said the party would "democratically protest" any attempt to remove genuine voters from the list. "If there is any unfair practices or abuse of power during the SIR process, we will take all legal measures to fight it," Mr. Ghosh said.

EC modifies some SIR rules based on learnings from Bihar

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Aadhaar to be one of the documents, but only as proof of identity and not of citizenship

As the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in 12 States and Union Territories is set to be carried out according to the June 24 order issued by the Election Commission (EC), certain modifications have been made to the process based on the learnings from the just-concluded process in Bihar.

In a notice issued to the Chief Electoral Officers of all 12 States and Union Territories, the EC said no documents were to be collected from electors during the enumeration phase. This was being done as it had been found in Bihar that a majority of people could be traced to the electoral rolls of previous SIR, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said.

The notice further said that for electors whose enumeration forms had not been returned, the booth-level officer (BLO) may identify a probable cause, including death or duplication, based on an inquiry from nearby electors, and noting this down.

Since the draft electoral rolls would only include the names of those who had submitted the enumeration forms, booth-wise lists of electors whose names are thus not included on the draft roll shall be then displayed on the notice board of the respective Panchayat Bhavan or urban local body office, and the Offices of the Block Development Officers to enable the general public to have access to the aforesaid voters' lists.

Aadhaar has been added as the 12th document as directed by the Supreme Court, but only as proof of identity and not of citizenship.

The EC has also modified the enumeration form and declaration form. Both include a column for details on whether the name of the elector and that of his parents or guardians were present in the electoral rolls when the previous SIR of a particular State was conducted.

Also, unlike Bihar, the voter rolls of all States would be available for the mapping of the names of voters and their parents or guardians.

India's maritime global trade to get a boost with proposed Great Nicobar project: Shah

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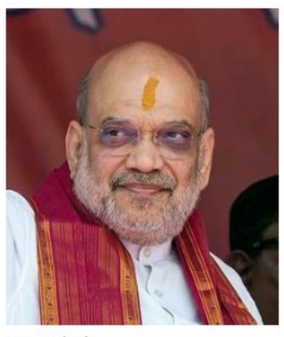
Amit Shah

India aims to be among the top five ship-building countries and significantly increase the port-handling capability by building new mega ports, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said in Mumbai on Monday, adding that the proposed Great Nicobar project will boost the country's maritime global trade multiple times.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the fourth edition of the India Maritime Week 2025.

The $5-billion Great Nicobar infrastructure project, which will include a power plant, transshipment port and airport, has been criticised by activists and local population, citing environmental concerns and violation of forest rights.

He said that the government plans to increase the country's port handling capacity to 10,000 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) from the present 2,700 MTPA (major and non-major ports combined). India's maritime strength was due to its strategic location, he said.

"Our coastline of over 11,500 km is spread across 13 coastal States. Maritime business contributes to 60 per cent of our GDP [Gross Domestic Product]. Today, over 100 countries are participating in the India Maritime Week. We have 350 speakers, over 500 companies, over one lakh delegates and we expect an investment of ₹10 lakh crore," he said.

Mr. Shah highlighted India's growing leadership in the Indo-Pacific. "Leveraging its maritime position, democratic stability, and naval capability, India is acting as a bridge between the Indo-Pacific and the Global South, fostering development, security, and environmental progress," he said.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said India would soon bring down the logistics cost to single digit to nine per cent. "We are still at 16 per cent against China and Europe's 8 per cent and 12 per cent respectively," he said.

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, said 680 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) worth ₹10 lakh crore were slated to be signed during the India Maritime Week.

Focus on negative effects of project: experts to Minister

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NEW DELHI

More than 70 scholars, former bureaucrats, activists, lawyers, and environmentalists on Monday wrote an open letter responding to Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav's defence of the proposed Great Nicobar Island mega-infrastructure project. They urged the Minister to "set aside political considerations" and focus on the project's "irreversible negative implications".

The letter was in response to his article in *The Hindu* last month, in which he defended the project that involves around 130 sq. km of pristine forest inhabited by the Nicobarese and the Shompens, whose population is estimated to be between 200 and 300. The Minister's piece came days after Congress leader Sonia Gandhi wrote a piece criticising the project.

The open letter argued that it was "disingenuous" to "invoke national security" and label the project as a "strategic one" whenever questions are raised about it.

"The only component of the proposed project that was made defence-related, and that too after the public hearing, is the dual-use military-cum-civilian airport," the letter said.

The signatories include historian Ramachandra Guha, wildlife conservationist Romulus Whitaker, wildlife biologist Ravi Chellam, nature conservationist Asad Rahmani, scientist Sharachchandra Lele, and former Gujarat Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ashok Kumar Sharma.

They said the Environmental Appraisal Committee ignored anthropological and ecological objections and that "Galathea wildlife sanctuary was denotified, and three new sanctuaries were notified without any consultation with the Great and Little Nicobar islanders".

Lalu, Rabri seek review of daily trial in IRCTC case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Yadav and his wife, Rabri Devi, have filed an application before a Delhi court requesting it not to conduct day-to-day trial of the IRCTC scam case in which both are facing criminal charges.

The application was moved in the court of Special Judge (PC Act) Vishal Gogne, who asked counsel of Mr. Yadav to supply a copy of the application to the CBI, which is investigating the case, and said the agency may file a response.

In their application, Mr. Yadav stated that four criminal cases were pending against him and his family and the courts concerned had ordered day-to-day hearings in almost all of them.

The application also cited the health condition of the elderly couple and the ongoing Assembly polls in Bihar.

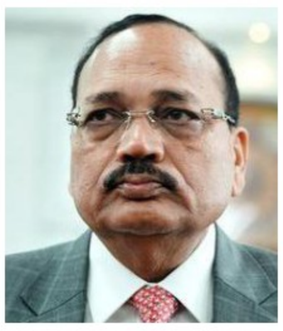
Justice Surya Kant, part of poll bond, Article 370 verdicts, set to be next CJI

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Chief Justice of India (CJI), B.R. Gavai, on Monday recommended Justice Surya Kant, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, as his successor to office, and the 53rd Chief Justice of India.

The government had in the previous week written to Chief Justice Gavai seeking his recommendation.

However, the CJI was on an official visit to Bhutan. Chief Justice Gavai gave his recommendation immediately on his return and met Justice Kant with the recommendation letter on Monday, the first working day of the court after the Deepavali holidays.


Justice Surya Kant

Chief Justice Gavai is scheduled to retire on November 24.

Under the Memorandum of Procedure for the appointment of the Chief Justice of India, and Supreme Court Judges, the Union Law Ministry seeks the recommendation of the outgoing Chief Justice for the next appointment, following which the latter replies to the government.

Key cases

Justice Kant has been a part of several impactful decisions of the apex court, including the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution which removed the special status to the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir. He was also part of the Bench which held the electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional. He was a member of the Benches which heard the Pegasus spyware case, and the suspension of the sedition law.

He was born on February 10, 1962 at Hisar in Haryana. Justice Kant earned his Bachelor's degree in Law in 1984 from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak. He started his legal practice at the Hisar district court and shifted to Chandigarh in 1985 to practice in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

He was the youngest Advocate-General of Haryana on July 7, 2000, and designated as senior advocate in March 2001. He was elevated as a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on January 9, 2004. Justice Kant was appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh in October 2018.

He was appointed as a Supreme Court judge on May 24, 2019. He is due to retire on February 9, 2027.

India welcomes Gaza peace plan, wishes for early end to Ukraine war: Jaishankar

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India recognises that enduring conflicts have the potential to disrupt food security and threaten energy flows, and, therefore, it welcomes the Gaza peace initiative by U.S. President Donald Trump and wishes for an early end to the conflict in Ukraine, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Monday.

Global stage: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar at the 20th East Asia Summit, in Kuala Lumpur on Monday. ANI

Speaking at the 20th East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Jaishankar spoke in favour of deepening maritime connections in the ASEAN region. "We are also witnessing conflicts that have significant repercussions, near and far. Deep human suffering apart, they undermine food security, threaten energy flows and disrupt trade. India, therefore, welcomes the Gaza peace plan. We also seek an early end to the conflict in Ukraine," he said.

Earlier, Mr. Jaishankar met Secretary of State Marco Rubio as India-U.S. relations continue to remain uneasy after Mr. Trump imposed penalty tariffs on India for buying Russian crude.

Mr. Jaishankar, on his part, did not specifically refer to the challenges that India is facing because of Mr. Trump's campaign to cut down Russian energy exports but pointed at "reliability of supply chains and access to markets" as an area of "growing concerns". "Energy trade is increasingly constricted, with resulting market distortions. Principles are applied selectively and what is preached is not necessarily practised," he said, supporting "adjustments" and "resilient solutions".

"Multipolarity is not just here to stay but to grow. All these warrant serious global conversations," he said. He expressed India's commitment to enhancing maritime cooperation in the ASEAN region.

BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION

Rahul to address twin rallies in Bihar tomorrow

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will kick off his campaign for the Bihar Assembly election on Wednesday with rallies in Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga districts.

His first rally will be held at the reserved constituency of Sakra in Muzaffarpur, where the party has fielded Umesh Ram, the runner-up in the 2020 polls, the State Congress media cell chairperson, Rajesh Rathore, said in a statement on Monday.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha is expected to be joined by Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav, the chief ministerial candidate of the INDIA bloc, Mr. Rathore added.

Later, Mr. Gandhi will address another rally in the adjoining Darbhanga district in support of the INDIA bloc candidates.

Rahul Gandhi

BJP ousts six leaders in Bihar, including MLA

The Bihar unit of the BJP expelled six party leaders, including Kahalgaon MLA Pawan Yadav, for indulging in "anti-party activities".

According to a party statement issued on Sunday evening, the expelled leaders have also been suspended from the party's primary membership.

"The party took disciplinary action against them after it found that all six leaders were indulging in anti-party activities against the NDA nominees. The sitting MLA of the outgoing Assembly, Pawan Yadav is contesting against the NDA nominee for the Kahalgaon seat as an Independent candidate," it said. Others expelled from the party were Sunny Yadav, Shravan Kushwaha, Uttam Choudhary, Maruti Nandan Maruti and Pawan Choudhary. PTI

"The [Waqf] law has been made and Tejashwi Yadav is saying that we will throw this in the trash. People understand the politics of Muslim appeasement

KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA
Uttar Pradesh Deputy CM

'Fight is between NDA and Jan Suraaj party'

Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor on Monday said that the fight is between NDA and Jan Suraaj, and *Mahagatbandhan* will finish in third position. Asked about RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's poll promises, he said: "The announcements made by him have no sense at all. Nobody is paying attention." ANI

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"There is no objection to the SIR. During the Bihar SIR, irregularities were observed. EC should conduct the process without being biased

MRITYUNJAY TIWARI
RJD leader

Reaching out: Chetan Anand speaks to the people of Pipra panchayat. AMIT BHELARI

Chetan and Ajit carry family legacies into Bihar battle

Amit Bhelari
NABINAGAR/RAMGARH

Two Rajput candidates in two regions are contesting elections for their political survival, but their profiles could not be more different. One candidate is battling the legacy of a 'don' and the other is following in the footsteps of a man who never compromised on his ideology.

Chetan Anand, son of former MP and don-turned-politician Anand Mohan, also called 'Sher-e-Bihar' in the Kosi region, is contesting the Nabinagar seat in Aurangabad district, which falls in the Magadh region, on a Janata Dal (United) ticket.

Ajit Kumar, son of Jagdanand Singh, former Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) State unit president and known as a man of his words, is contesting from Ramgarh in Kaimur in the Shahabad region.

Mr. Chetan, who won the 2020 Assembly election on the RJD ticket from Sheohar, changed his loyalty and joined the camp of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar during the trust vote in the Assembly last year.

That time, the Opposition had accused the Nitish Kumar government of tweaking the rule of jail manual to facilitate the release of Mr. Anand Mohan, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of former District Magistrate of Gopalganj G. Krishnaiah. He was released in April 2023.

It is believed that to honour Mr. Kumar for the release of his father, Mr. Chetan had joined the ruling camp to save the government during the trust vote in February 2024. However, he has been shifted to Nabinagar, which was once represented by his mother, Lovely Anand, way back in 1996.

The 33-year-old JD(U) candidate is getting the support of his father, who is aggressively campaigning for his son and making door-to-door visits to seek votes.

Mr. Chetan was found campaigning in Bairia village under Pipra Panchayat, along with his wife, Ayushi Singh, who is a doctor by profession.

He is proud of his legacy, which he carries, "My father is my support and backbone. The kind of love I am getting from the people of Nabinagar is due to the good work done by my father and mother."

Asked about the reason for leaving the RJD, Mr. Chetan said, "The RJD leaders used to speak nonsense about my father, so I had no other option left."

'No stone unturned'

On the other hand, 45-year-old Mr. Ajit, the youngest son of Mr. Singh, is also leaving no stone unturned to win the Ramgarh seat, located at the border of Uttar Pradesh.

He tasted defeat in last year's byelection against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate.

Mr. Ajit's father has represented this seat six times since 1985 until he became an MP from the Buxar seat in 2009.

Mr. Ajit expressed confidence in winning the seat asserting that the main election is totally different from bypoll and he has made his case stronger this time along with a change in his approach and strategy.

"Past remains the past and everyone learns and works to become better. I have done the same. Earlier I never gave importance to social media and remained reluctant. Now I have understood that for visibility, one has to take help of social media to reach your voters," Mr. Ajit said while campaigning in Durgawati Bazar in Ramgarh.

Mr. Ajit denied that he is not part of dynasty politics, giving an example when his father left the seat it was given to a party worker twice.

Voters in rural Bihar appear reluctant to rally behind 'untested' Jan Suraaj

From distrust to disinterest, JSP struggles with low recall and credibility in the State's hinterlands; however, urban voters who have grievances with the current government but are uncomfortable voting for the Tejashwi Yadav-led Grand Alliance, do see Prashant Kishor's party as an alternative

IN FOCUS

Sobhana K. Nair
GAYA/PATNA/DARBHANGA

Bright yellow posters of political consultant-turned-politician Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party dot the Bihar landscape, urging people to vote for better education and jobs for their children. The party's slogan – *Garibi se nikalne ka rasta, har ghar school ka basta* (The way out of poverty is a school bag in every home) – resonates with many. But the messenger, not the message, is under scrutiny.

The JSP has fielded candidates in 240 of the 243 constituencies in the Bihar Assembly. Mr. Kishor himself is not contesting, claiming his new party could not afford to focus its energies on a single seat.

Brajesh Kumar Kushwaha, 36, runs a shop selling ready-made garments on the Delhi-Kolkata highway. He is quick to offer lengthy appraisals of the Nitish Kumar government and the Opposition coalition, the *Mahagatbandhan* (Grand Alliance), but is reluctant when asked for an opinion on Mr. Kishor. "*Abhi dur ki baat hai* [It is still a distant thing]," he says.

Different iterations of Mr. Kushwaha's remarks are heard across the rural stretches – Mr. Kishor remains an untested variable voters are not willing to waste their votes on. Many want to wait till the next Assembly election to see if the JSP and Mr. Kishor continue to remain relevant. Recall value of the JSP's election symbol and candidates is low.

Mr. Kishor has claimed that for the first time in several decades, Bihar is seeing a three-cornered election, though the rural electorate is not quite convinced, with voters insisting the contest is firmly bipolar.

Different viewpoints

The force of the opinion varies depending on the voter's own ideology. Committed voters of the ruling National Democratic Alliance and the Grand Alliance have stronger opinions.

Randhir Yadav, a security guard in Gurugram, has returned home for the festivals and election. A vocal supporter of the Rashtriya Janata Dal, he doesn't pause to breathe before declaring that "Prashant Kishor is B-team of BJP". Madan Prasad Singh Rajput, who runs a pharmacy at Kurhani in Muzaffarpur district, describes himself as a "202% BJP supporter". On Mr. Kishor, he says, "He is flying in the air; the bubble will burst on November 14."

Testing waters: The Jan Suraaj Party has fielded 240 candidates, though founder Prashant Kishor himself is not contesting. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Kishor's pitch has found some resonance with urban voters, especially those looking for options beyond the NDA, but are uncomfortable voting for the Grand Alliance.

Santosh Kumar Gupta, a Halwai (traditional confectioner) by profession and caste, is doing brisk business this Chhath season, supplying laddoos to local shops. At Panchanpur, Gaya, between sips of sweet milky tea, he settles the account for his latest delivery. He is deeply unhappy with the BJP government at the Centre for introducing reservation for economically weaker sections among upper castes.

"Today, an Other Backward Class/ Extremely Backward Class student has to get more marks than the General Category student to get admission," he says, softly, his voice not rising above a murmur. "Change is essential," he adds. Can the RJD be the agent of change? His answer is an empathic "no".

"Prashant Kishor has worked in various political parties, he has sound political understanding and if you hear him speak, he makes a lot of sense," Mr. Gupta says.

Anil Kumar, 35, runs a small hotel at Gaya railway station. He belongs to the Chandravanshi community, which falls under the EBC category. He declares himself to be a committed BJP voter, but is deeply disappointed with the current leadership of the party in the State.

"The BJP has no face," he says, as he runs through the morning headlines in the Hindi newspapers laid out in front of him. Voting for the Tejashwi Yadav-led Grand Alliance is a leap he is not willing to take. For him Mr. Kishor and his message are "more familiar".

Many complaints

For 25-year-old Rahul Kumar at Hajipur, who comes from the Sah community, classified as EBC, this is the second Assembly election he will be voting in. His vote in the last Assembly election was for the BJP.

He has a litany of complaints against the Nitish government, and top of the list is the delay in filling vacancies in the medical department. Brought up on the stories of "jungle Raj", Mr. Kumar is too wary of the *Mahagatbandhan*, even though he finds RJD leader Mr. Tejashwi Yadav's views on jobs reassuring.

Supporting the JSP though for him presents no such hurdle. "Prashant Kishor has a vision. What he speaks about jobs and education is absolutely spot on," Mr. Kumar says.

Only God will do justice, says father of Bihar youth jailed for abusing PM

Amarnath Tewary
BHARWARA

Two months after a video of Mohammed Rizvi, alias Raja, using abusive language against Prime Minister Narendra Modi went viral, leading to his arrest, his father, Mohammed Anish, is grappling with the repercussions.

"I don't want to say much, but the police had beaten my son so much that he looked like a dead person. What was his crime? Only that he comes from a poor family," says Mr. Anish, sitting at his small two-wheeler repair shop in Bharwara, a village in Darbhanga district in north Bihar. The flow of customers has dried up since the news of his son spread.

The shop is just 8 km away from Bithauli Mor on National Highway no. 27, where a stage was erected by local Congress leader Mohammed Naushad on August 27 to welcome party leader Rahul Gandhi during his Voter Adhikar Yatra, which was being held condemning the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar. After Mr. Gandhi, Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav and other leaders moved on from the spot, Mr. Rizvi was allegedly caught on camera making derogatory remarks against the Prime Minister from the stage. As the video went viral, a police complaint was lodged by the BJP's Darbhanga district president and a first information report was registered at the Simri Police Station against Mr. Naushad and others on August 28. Late that night, Mr. Rizvi was arrested at his home by the police from the Simri and Singhwara stations.

Quiet struggle: Mohammed Anish's repair shop where customers have stopped coming after his son's arrest. AMARNATH TEWARY

The family says Mohammed Rizvi was beaten severely in police custody and has grown weak

"Next day, when I visited the Simri police station to know why my son was arrested, I found him severely beaten up and pleading his innocence. The police refused to say anything. I took it as a poor man's fate and returned. Since then, neither I nor his mother has seen him, but other members of the family have visited him in Darbhanga jail as he is very weak," Mr. Anish says.

"He is innocent and someone must have coaxed him into doing this, but those behind this will also have to face the same kind of problem I am facing now," Mr. Anish says, adding that he has not been given a copy of the FIR, nor has he been able to hire a lawyer to get his son released from jail. All he had been able to do for his son was to rub some fragrant oil into his hair to "ward off permanent headache and weakness".

Asked how and when his son would be released if he does not contest the case in court, he immediately shot back: "Do you think I have money to hire a lawyer? He will be released when God wills."

"I do not want to talk any more about the issues concerning my innocent son," he says, adding that he got fed up talking to presspersons. "None came to my help but got me irritated and exhausted, so I took a vow not to speak any further on the issue with anyone," he says.

Mr. Anish is in his late fifties. His wife, Chand Bibi, is a "heart patient". Rizvi is the third of his eight children. He used to find casual work as a car driver, helping his father financially. Now, Mr. Anish's sole source of income is the small thatched-roof repair shop with its tin door. "I have a liver problem and have to look after other family members too, with this small shop, which I have shifted thrice in the past five years. I have to pay ₹15,000 as monthly rent, which I have not been able to pay for a long time," he says.

"Occasionally, I sleep on this as my regular customers have stopped coming to my shop after the incident, leaving me and my family to survive hand to mouth. These days, I dread going home with only a few rupees in my pocket, and on some days, an empty pocket," he says.

INDIA bloc to release poll manifesto today; Tejashwi slams govt.

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NABINAGAR

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and the INDIA bloc's chief ministerial candidate for the Bihar election Tejashwi Yadav on Monday said the alliance will release its manifesto for the Assembly election on Tuesday.

Mr. Yadav said the manifesto will cater to the needs of the youth, farmers, workers, women and senior citizens of Bihar, and lay the way ahead for education, health, and law and order reforms in the State.

While doing a Facebook live, he slammed the Union government and accused it of "telling lies" about running special trains during Chhath. Mr. Yadav said that Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw "lied" to the people of Bihar by promising that the Railways will operate "12,000 special trains" for Chhath devotees to visit Bihar during the State's biggest festival.

"Why do these people tell so many lies? Why have they forced the people of Bihar to return home in crowded trains, treating them as animals," he said.

Referring to RJD Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Yadav's question on the number of people who have migrated from Bihar to other States, Mr. Yadav said, "Sanjay Yadav *ji* had asked the question in Rajya Sabha about migration from Bihar to other States in search of jobs to the Ministry of Labour and Employment and [it] responded that around 3 crore people have migrated from Bihar. This figure is registered. So, the non-registered [number of migrants] would be more than this figure, roughly around 5 crore people."

Tejashwi Yadav

Tejashwi Yadav criticised Centre, accusing it of 'lying' about running 12,000 special trains

On Monday, the RJD expelled 27 of its leaders for filing election nominations as Independents against INDIA bloc candidates.

INBRIEF

NDRF teams on the ground, schools closed in Odisha

The Odisha government on Monday deployed disaster response forces and shut down schools in eight districts, which are likely to be impacted by Cyclone Montha. "We have deployed 24 teams of Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force and five units of National Disaster Response Force mostly in southern Odisha districts. As southern Odisha districts are likely to receive heavy rain under the atmospheric system, we have remained alert," said Suresh Pujari, State Revenue and Disaster Management Minister. The schools and anganwadi centres have been shut down for two days – Tuesday and Wednesday – keeping the potential heavy rain in mind.

Fill vacancies in agricultural institutes: Chouhan to States

Expressing concern over the large number of vacancies in agricultural institutions across the country, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has directed the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) to immediately fill all such posts. Speaking to agriculture students here on Monday, Mr. Chouhan said he will send letters to Chief Ministers of all States on the issue. "There should be no compromise with the future of agricultural students at any cost," he added. Mr. Chouhan asked ICAR to form a team of students to coordinate creative suggestions from agricultural students for improving education and institutional systems.

SC raps States for no action on its order on stray dogs

Court orders Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, barring Bengal and Telangana, to appear on Nov. 3; it wants to know why affidavits were not filed despite time given since Aug. 22

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday took strong exception to the failure of several States and Union Territories to comply with its August 22 directive mandating the sterilisation, deworming, and immunisation of stray dogs in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, framed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

A three-judge Bench, led by Justice Vikram Nath, directed the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories to personally appear before the court on November 3 and explain why compliance affidavits had not been filed despite adequate time having been granted.

Noting that repeated incidents of stray dog attacks were tarnishing the country's image, the Bench rebuked the authorities for their continued non-compliance.

"Nothing has come on record. Continuous incidents are happening," the Bench, including Justices Sandeep Mehta and N.V. Anjaria, observed, while adding that the country "is being shown down in foreign countries".

The court mandated that stray dogs should be sterilised as per the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023. J. ALLEN EGENUSE

Chief Secretaries called

The court pointed out that only Telangana, West Bengal, and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) had submitted compliance reports so far, and accordingly exempted the Chief Secretaries of the two States from personal appearance.

"Pursuant to the order dated August 22, 2025, only three compliance affidavits have been filed. These are West Bengal, Telangana, and the MCD. Notices have been issued to all States and Union Territories. As they have not responded, let the Chief Secretaries remain present before this Court on next Monday at 10.30 a.m. along with their respective explanations as to why compliance affidavits have not been filed," the Bench directed.

The court further clarified that the Chief Secretary of Delhi must also appear in person on November 3, observing that the MCD's report alone would not suffice. Justice Nath specifically asked Additional Solicitor-General Archana Pathak Dave, appearing for the Delhi government, to explain why the Government of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi had failed to file its affidavit.

"Ask your Chief Secretary to remain present on November 3, along with an explanation as to why no compliance affidavit has been filed till today. You are in Delhi, the order was passed in Delhi, in your presence it was passed, and nothing has happened," Justice Nath told Ms. Dave.

Expressing displeasure over the inaction, the court recalled that the States had been given nearly eight weeks in August to report on the implementation of the ABC Rules, which require local authorities to conduct sterilisation and anti-rabies drives under the catch-neuter-vaccinate-release model.

The Bench also indicated that a detailed order would be passed when the matter is taken up for hearing next week.

CIC appointments in 'two or three' weeks, Centre tells top court

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Petitioners said there was a complete information blackout on the appointment process

The Centre informed the Supreme Court on Monday that vacancies in the Central Information Commission (CIC), which has no Chief Information Commissioner and is down to just two Information Commissioners out of a total sanctioned strength of 10, will be filled in "two or three" weeks.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant, Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj said the shortlisted names of candidates had been forwarded to the high-profile selection committee of the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and a nominee of the government. However, petitioners, represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, countered that there was a complete information blackout on the appointment process to the Central Information Commission, and "names are air-dropped without any transparency".

Mr. Bhushan, appearing for Anjali Bhardwaj, Commodore Lokesh Batra (retd.) and Amrita Johri, said it was an irony that the appointments to the very apex body under the Right to Information (RTI) Act were shrouded in opacity while pendency was touching 30,000.

He said even the Chief Information Commissioner had retired. Nothing had been done since the last order of the Supreme Court 10 months ago, directing the government to fill the vacancies. He said the government was applying the slow-choke to RTI.

"The best way to kill the RTI is to not make any appointments... If they do make appointments, they select persons out of the blue. Names are just air-dropped. There is no information on who is being appointed," Mr. Bhushan, along with advocates Rahul Gupta and Cheryl D'souza, submitted.

Mr. Nataraj said the petitioners could not decide the suitability of the candidates, and their eligibility was decided by the RTI Act.

He said the petitioners ought to wait till the appointments were actually made before complaining.

'Media literacy in schools can help fight false information'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Classroom-based media literacy programmes can be an effective intervention to counter misinformation and empower children to discern true from false information, says a new study published in the *American Political Science Review*.

Titled "Countering misinformation early: evidence from a classroom-based field experiment in India", the report, based on a randomised control trial experiment, found that students who received the "treatment" became sharper at telling fact from fiction, shared less misinformation, trusted better sources, and relied more on science compared with the control group of students who did not undergo the programme.

Top court prefers ignoring advocate's act, SCBA differs

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday voiced its preference to treat advocate Rakesh Kishore's action of hurling an object at Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai's Bench with "the contempt it deserves by ignoring it", though the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) insisted that the judicial institution should not risk becoming a "joke" by letting Mr. Kishore go without any repercussions.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said any action taken by the court would only further blow up the situation; extend the shelf-life of Mr. Kishore, who obviously did not have any stake in the system of justice administration; and feed the commercialisation of the incident by media channels, and on social media. Justice Kant favoured condemning the incident to a "natural death" without any further ado.

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai

Justices Kant and Bagchi, though agreeing that Mr. Kishore's act of hurling an object at the CJI Bench during court proceedings on October 6 followed by shouting slogans was "contempt on the face of the court", observed orally that Chief Justice Gavai, in his "glorious magnanimity", had pardoned him.

The court said the focus should now be on issuing guidelines on the publication of such incidents, and enhancing guidelines for prevention and safety in courtrooms.

No remorse

Senior advocate Vikas Singh and advocate Pragya Baghel, appearing for the SCBA, said Mr. Kishore's act was one of continuing contempt.

Mr. Singh said even if the CJI had pardoned the actual attack, Mr. Kishore had subsequently appeared on camera and shown no remorse for his actions. Instead, he had repeatedly indulged in glorification of his act, saying he would "do it again", senior counsel submitted.

He said the CJI had pardoned him in his individual capacity, but the Bench had to address the insult of the institution.

"We are thick-skinned people...," Justice Kant remarked, posting the case after a week.

'Digital arrest' a dreaded threat today, says President

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday said "digital arrest" had become a major threat for citizens today, even as technology continued to reshape the landscape of policing.

Addressing probationers of the Indian Police Service (IPS) at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, she said about 10 years ago, the expression 'digital arrest' would have been impossible to understand. "Today, it is one of the most dreaded threats to citizens," she said, referring to the growing trend of fraudsters impersonating as law enforcement officers and extorting money by threatening victims with arrest.

She emphasised that India's growing digital space posed new challenges for law enforcement.

People running from pillar to post over 'digital arrests': SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday orally mooted tasking the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) with probing the menace of "digital arrests" orchestrated by fraudsters posing as judges and police officers using forged documents.

Appearing before a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi, Attorney-General R. Venkataramani said the cybercrimes originated from across the border, and were fashioned by "money-laundering gangs".

'Scam compounds'

The organised cybercrimes were generated from "scam compounds" at a large-scale level, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, submitted. "People are running from pillar to post. Digital arrests are happening in several States... Considering the magnitude and nature of the crime, we want to give the FIRs (first information reports) to a Central agency like the CBI," Justice Kant remarked at the start of the hearing.

Top court asks if the CBI has the resources to investigate a huge volume of cybercrime cases. PTI

The top court had originally taken *suo motu* cognisance of a case of the digital arrest of a senior citizen couple in Haryana's Ambala on the basis of forged orders of the court and probe agencies by fraudsters to extort ₹1.05 crore.

However, during the course of the hearing, the court was informed that there were numerous cases across the country in which innocent people, especially senior citizens, had been threatened with "cyber arrests" by criminals who misused artificial intelligence and other advanced technology to morph courtrooms and police stations, unless their victims coughed up huge sums of money.

Justice Bagchi asked if the CBI had the human and technological resources to investigate such a huge volume of cybercrime cases. The CBI had approached the top court in the past for permission to offload Ponzi cases on State authorities, unable to deal with the pressure of the volume of the cases, he said.

The court scheduled the case for November 3.

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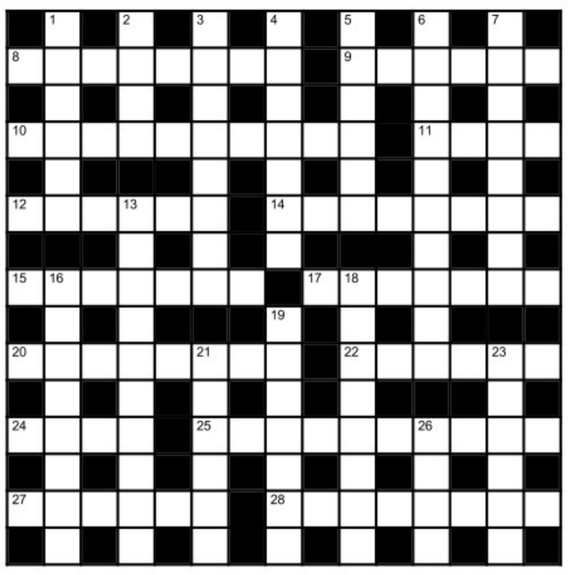

Across

8 In retrospect, 10 divided by 10 is one that gives no number in the nearby range (4,4)
9 Almost everyone told untruths, being married (6)
10 Scholarly one comes out carrying pen! That is wonderful! (10)
11 Goodbye from Atlantean, oddly! (2-2)
12 During practice team has cold beverage (3,3)
14 The elaborate surrounding, large square and the hour before midnight (8)
15 Millions wasted for boy's trip, achieving little growth! (7)
17 Royal's bad taste, plays out occasionally (7)
20 End up in right careers and hold up (8)
22 Love natural drinks, start to distil for trial (6)
24 Intelligence agency recruited a good group of conjurers (4)
25 Beach model with vacuous air, something like an urchin (4,6)
27 Mum is back at fasting (6)
28 We have right way to alert banks, emptied for someone like Dwayne Johnson (8)

Down

1 Infected wound - initially scrubbed, cleaned with ice mostly (6)
2 That operational part is over! (4)
3 Time to have hotel at each official place of local government (4,4)
4 Singer Spooner takes credit for small performance at first (7)
5 Altercation sound engulfing ship (6)
6 Rated tea as misused (3-7)
7 Support used in golf to train, without one on the wagon (8)
13 Story about black family, new to setting for serving of food (5,5)
16 Nazi at an anarchic country (8)
18 Indecisive wife intervening to protect self from financial risk, after husband left and died (3-5)
19 After losing power, rebel King won back northern virgin (7)
21 Old Spanish money plant covered by legume plant (6)
23 Unlimited hazy beer and a cream (6)
26 Board that is somewhat flat headed (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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D	K	A	T	K	E	L		

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

7	4	2	9	3	5	6	1	8
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9	8	6	2	1	7	5	3	4
1	3	5	4	2	6	9	8	7
2	6	4	8	7	9	1	5	3
8	7	9	1	5	3	2	4	6
6	5	1	3	8	2	4	7	9
3	9	7	5	6	4	8	2	1
4	2	8	7	9	1	3	6	5

FAITH

Thanksgiving for the Sun

The Sun has been worshipped from time immemorial as the source of energy for life on earth to grow and flourish. The Chhath Puja is one festival that is widely celebrated as a thanksgiving for the Sun god from vedic times. Celebrated over four days, especially in Nepal and the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and West Bengal, it is illustrative of the symbolic relationship between nature and culture, said Prof. Kumool Abbi.

Falling on the sixth day of the Karthik Shukla Paksha in the Shashti tithi as per the Hindu calendar, Chhath Puja dates back to the hoary tradition of Rig Veda. In the vedic cosmology, the powers of nature were venerated as energies that animate, sustain and grant wisdom and benediction. Along with the Sun, his divine consort Goddess Chhathi Mayiya, also referred to as Usha, is also worshipped. Devotees pray to them to bestow prosperity, abundance, longevity, fertility, health, wellbeing and the protection of one's children. Linked to the agrarian calendar, the festival is celebrated in the spirit of thanksgiving. The rituals involved include ritual bathing, fasting, abstaining from drinking water, standing in a sacred river, lake or pond for a long period, focusing on god and offering *arghya* to the rising and setting Sun. Worshipping the Sun as a source of inner and external illumination, knowledge and wisdom is prevalent across many cultures and the practice is mentioned in many scriptures. The Ramayana narrates the worship of the Sun together by Rama and Sita and that Sita observed a month-long fast in the month of Karthik, during their coronation upon returning to Ayodhya after spending 14 years in exile.

INBRIEF

Amazon crosses $20 bn in e-com exports from India

E-com giant Amazon on Monday said it has surpassed $20 billion in cumulative e-commerce exports from India between 2015 and 2025 through its 'Global Selling program' and affirmed it is on track for the $80 billion target by 2030. On trade and tariff headwinds in India's largest export market, the U.S., Amazon said it is focused on matters that are within its control, and emphasised that India's strengths are structural not cyclical. PTI

SEBI may ease high value debt-listed entity compliance

Markets regulator SEBI on Monday proposed a framework to reduce the compliance burden of companies with large debt, by raising the threshold for identifying high value debt listed entities (HVDLEs) to ₹5,000 crore from the current ₹1,000 crore. The move would reduce the number of entities classified as HVDLEs from 137 to 48, effectively bringing down about 64% of companies currently falling under the category, SEBI said in its consultation paper. PTI

HARMAN to invest ₹345 crore to expand Pune facility

Samsung Electronics-owned HARMAN, a player in connected automotive technology, on Monday announced a fresh investment of ₹345 crore ($42 million) to expand its automotive electronics manufacturing facility in Chakan, Pune. The investment includes ₹45 crore for immediate expansion and an additional ₹300 crore over the next three years to support advanced telematics and next-generation automotive connectivity programmes, the company said.

Vodafone Idea gets big relief as Centre to revisit AGR demand

Huge change in circumstances in the time between previous litigation and present one, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta tells CJI-headed Bench

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

'Network' issue

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submits that government had infused "substantial equity" to the tune of 49% in the telco

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- Vodafone Idea has 20 crore consumers, and any decision regarding the company would affect the customers, too

- The govt. had concerns, but that would be comprehensively heard and considered in detail, says SG

Vodafone-Idea (VI) won a major relief in the Supreme Court on Monday after the government agreed to reconsider its demand for additional adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues from the company, and take an appropriate decision in accordance with the law.

Appearing before a Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for the Union government, said there had been a "huge change in circumstances" in the time between the previous AGR litigation in the apex court involving VI, and the present one.

Mr. Mehta submitted that the government had infused "substantial equity" to the tune of 49% in the company.

"Thus the government's interest, which is the public's own interest, is interlinked with the company now," the top law officer submitted.

He further briefed the court that the company had 20 crore consumers, and any decision regarding the company would affect the customers, too.

The government had concerns, including over-invoicing, etc., associated with the company, but that would be comprehensively heard and considered in detail, Mr. Mehta said.

The court said the issue had entered the "policy domain", with the government pumping in considerable equity, and the issue involving 20 crore customers of the company.

Public interest

The court found nothing wrong in the government's stand to reconsider its demand for additional AGR dues for the financial year 2016-2017 from the company, and take a suitable decision, saying this would also address the larger public interest involved.

VI had approached the apex court against the additional AGR demand raised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for the 2016-2017 period. The company had argued that the liabilities had already been calculated, and could not be changed or increased. It urged the court to quash the additional demand by the DoT, while seeking a comprehensive reassessment and reconciliation of AGR dues for the period till FY 2016-17.

The fresh litigation had arrived only months after the apex court had rejected earlier petitions by Bharti Airtel, VI, and Tata Teleservices, seeking relief in the payment of their interest on the dues, penalty, and interest on the penalty towards their respective AGR liabilities on the ground that they faced severe financial constraints.

Almost exactly a year ago, on September 19, the apex court had dismissed a curative petition filed by telcos, including Bharti Airtel and VI, against the court's October 2019 judgment upholding the DoT's move to recover AGR of about ₹92,000 crore from them.

MeitY announces investments in TN, AP, MP for ₹5,532 cr.

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on Monday announced seven projects amounting to ₹5,532 crore, five of which are in Tamil Nadu, and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, in the electronics component manufacturing space.

The investments will be by private players under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), under which these firms will receive, 1-10% of production value in incentives over six years, depending on the category of component and the year of operation.

Mysore-headquartered Kaynes Circuits India Pvt., Ltd. will set up manufacturing units to make printed circuit boards (PCBs), camera module sub-assemblies, and laminates. The facilities will be based in Chennai and Thoothukudi, Kaynes vice chairman Ramesh Kunhikannan said during the announcement. The lion's share – nearly 87% – of Kaynes's ₹3,280 crore investment will go into PCBs and laminates.

"Polypropylene film and copper laminates are imported currently, and 100% of domestic demand will be fulfilled by these units," IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The government said it expects ₹44,406 crore in production, and 5,195 new jobs created by these projects.

Hosur-based Ascent Circuits will build a facility in TN for PCBs for ₹991 crore.

The projects in Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh will be executed by Gurugram-headquartered SRF Ltd. and Chennai-based Syrma Strategic Electronics Pvt. Ltd.

Hosur-based Ascent Circuits Pvt. Ltd. will also build a facility in Tamil Nadu for PCBs at an investment of ₹991 crore.

The government issued letters to the firms within two weeks of the approval being granted under the scheme, Mr. Vaishnaw pointed out. "It's very important that most of these units get off the ground very quickly because time is of the essence," IT Secretary S. Krishnan said.

"We are aiming to improve the overall domestic value added [in India's electronics manufacturing sector], and for that, all of these units need to come on stream as quickly as possible." Payouts are approved as and when production starts, incentivising firms to speedily get started with manufacturing.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,779	0.67
US Dollar	88.19	-0.40
Gold	1,25,900	-0.55
Brent oil	65.86	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2492.80	-11.40
Adani Ports	1420.60	-8.40
Apollo Hosp	7845.50	8.00
Asian Paints	2518.80	17.20
Axis Bank	1254.10	12.20
Bajaj Auto	9095.50	19.00
Bajaj Finserv	2170.20	10.70
Bajaj Finance	1084.40	-5.35
Bharat Elec	415.15	-6.90
Bharti Airtel	2080.10	50.80
Cipla	1584.00	-0.40
Coal India	396.70	2.65
Dr Reddys Lab	1284.30	0.70
Tata Motors CV	260.75	0.00
Eicher Motors	6906.50	66.50
Eternal Ltd.	333.70	7.10
Grasim Ind	2923.90	82.60
HCL Tech	1533.50	9.70
HDFC Bank	1002.95	8.20
HDFC Life	737.25	2.30
Hindalco	840.85	16.40
Hind Unilever	2511.80	-4.60
ICICI Bank	1377.60	-0.10
IntGlobeAvi	5835.00	56.00
Infosys	1504.50	-20.90
ITC	420.65	3.85
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	305.55	-0.40
JSW Steel	1150.60	9.20
Kotak Bank	2148.60	-38.40
L&T	3923.80	18.90
M&M	3611.60	-13.40
Maruti Suzuki	16388.00	114.00
Max Healthcare	1186.40	2.30
NestleIndia	1283.00	1.00
NTPC	341.75	2.15
ONGC	253.27	-1.69
PowerGrid Corp	291.05	2.55
Reliance Ind	1484.10	32.50
SBI Life	1903.10	63.30
State Bank	922.75	18.25
Shriram Finance Ltd.	719.60	4.15
Sun Pharma	1693.60	-5.40
TataConsumerProduct	1169.90	14.60
Tata Steel	176.66	2.22
TCS	3084.90	21.70
Tech Mahindra	1462.80	9.10
Titan	3739.80	24.90
Tata Motors PV	410.05	6.75
Trent Ltd.	4798.70	9.10
UltraTech Cement	12015.00	97.00
Wipro	243.91	0.93

Heritage Foods buys 51% stake in Get-A-Way for ₹9 cr.

Hyderabad-based dairy company Heritage Foods has acquired 51% stake in Peanut Butter and Jelly, the company behind Get-A-Way (GAW) brand ice creams, for ₹9 crore.

MSME bodies flag geopolitical issues

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

MSME industry associations highlighted the challenges posed by the uncertainty arising from geopolitical situations and sought the intervention of the Government, regulators and banks at a meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) held under the chairmanship of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Swaminathan J at Coimbatore.

They have been assured feedback and suggestions would be duly examined by the concerned stakeholders, the RBI said.

In his keynote address at the 30th meeting of the SAC to review the flow of credit to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector on Monday, Mr. Swaminathan acknowledged the critical role of the MSME sector in being the key driver of India's economic growth, employment and industrial and regional diversification.

Feedback and suggestions would be duly examined by stakeholders, says RBI.

He touched upon the recent regulatory steps to ease the difficulties faced by MSMEs, including waiver of prepayment charges on floating-rate loans given to individuals and micro and small enterprises.

Hatsun Agro Q2 net jumps 70% to ₹110 cr. as sales surge

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Dairy firm Hatsun Agro Product Ltd. on Monday reported a 70.3% jump in consolidated net profit to ₹109.54 crore in the September quarter, on the back of higher sales.

Total income rose 17.15% to ₹2,427.59 crore during the quarter under review, from ₹2,072.10 crore in the year-earlier period.

Expenses stood at ₹2,284.32 crore as against ₹1,991.22 crore in the corresponding quarter last year, as per a filing.

Headquartered in Chennai, Hatsun Agro is engaged in the production, processing and marketing of dairy products, including milk, milk-based foods and cattle feed.

Lenskart to raise ₹7,278 crore via initial public offering

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Eyewear retailer Lenskart Solutions Ltd. is set to raise up to ₹7,278 crore in an initial public offering (IPO), according to its prospectus. The IPO consists of fresh issue of ₹2,150 crore and the rest, if subscribed at the upper price band, would be on offer for sale.

The price band of the IPO is between ₹382 and ₹402 a share to be bought in lots of 37 equity shares and in multiples of 37 equity shares thereafter.

The company will use the proceeds of the offer on capital expenditure towards setting up new technology and cloud infrastructure and marketing, the company said in its prospectus.

The bid opens on October 30, 2025 and closes on November 04, 2025.

APPOINTMENT

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION MANAGEMENT (MANAGE)
(An Autonomous organization of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India)
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500 030

MANAGE-Centre for Innovation and Agripreneurship (MANAGE-CIA) invites eligible candidates to apply for the three positions of Managers and two positions of the Business Executives on contractual basis. Eligible candidates can apply for the position in the link provided. Short-listed applicants will be called for interview. Last date for application: 12th November 2025.

For more information and link for application visit MANAGE website: **www.manage.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director (Agricultural Extension)

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR.

No. :- NIT/2025-26/23567-79 **निविदा सूचना/2025-26** Date :- 27/10/2025

निम्नलिखित परियोजना पर पथकर वसूली हेतु ई-टेन्डरिंग प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

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Bharatpur-Bayana-Gangapur-Badoti BOT Road. UBN: RRC2526SLOB00821	1145.64 Lakh	
Khatkar-Bundi-Bijoliya BOT Road.UBN: RRC2526SLOB00819	732.05 Lakh	अल्पकालीन ई-450/25-26

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Request for proposal (NIT) invited form reputed agencies for **"Upgradation and Modernization of Sports facilities at Gachibowli & L.B.stadium"**

For further details please contact and email ID: **satgengg@gmail.com** and mobile number: 7013101686.

Sd/-
DIPR R.O. No. : 763-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26, Date: 27-10-2025 VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
O/o The Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ),GHMC, Hyderabad
Tender Notice No. 14/SE(P-WZ)/GHMC/2025-26/ Dated: 27.10.2025

Item No.	Name of Work	Est Cost
1.	"Construction of 6 Lane Bi-Directional Flyover from Miyapur X road to Allwyn X road and 3 lane Uni-Directional Underpass from Hafeezpet to Miyapur and 3 lane Uni-Directional Underpass from Bachupally to Allwyn X roads" under Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) / Turnkey Basis.	Rs. 530 Crores

S. No.	Events	Date and Time
1.	Start date	30-10-2025 from 04.00 PM
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting	06-11-2025 at 03.00 PM, Location: O/o Chief Engineer (Projects), GHMC 6th Floor, GHMC Head Office Tank Bund, Hyderabad
3.	Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids	20-11-2025 upto 03.00 PM
4.	Opening of Technical bid	20-11-2025 after 04.00 PM
5.	Opening of Price bid	24-11-2025 after 04.00 PM

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings. Any Queries can be addressed to **sesrdppwz@gmail.com** Address of the officer concerned Sri. G. Sree Lakshmi, SE(P-WZ) Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad. Further details can be seen at 'e' Procurement **https://tender.telangana.gov.in**

DIPR R.O.No.9792-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt. 27.10.2025 Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ), GHMC

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ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯ ಸಂ. ರಿಮ್ಸ್/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ(1)/ನೇಮಕಾತಿ/ 2025–26/536 ದಿನಾಂಕ:01.10.2025 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿಯ ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದುಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳು ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು 21.11.2025ರ ವರೆಗೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿಯ ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಬಿಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಹೊಸ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿಯ ರೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಬಿಂದುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ www.rimsraichur.karnataka.gov.in ದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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RETENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Government of Karnataka KPPP portal only)

As per Karnataka Transparency in the Public procurement act 1999-2000 law of Act 2000 and under Standard Tender documents Rules KW-3 the undersigned invites tenders in Two cover system for Eligible PWD Civil Contractors through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** for the works detailed below. The tenderes may submit tenders for works given in the table through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** of the Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Further details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned. **(1)** Last date & time for submission of tender **: 12.11.2025 @ 5.30 pm (2)** Date & time of opening Technical **bids: 14.11.2025 @ 5.30 pm (3)** Date of Open Financial Bid: **17.11.2025 @ 11.00 am**

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate Value (In Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs)	Period
1	DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT45913/CALL-2	**70.00**	1,19,000.00	6 Months
2	DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT45925/CALL-2	**70.00**	1,19,000.00	6 Months
3	DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT45931/CALL-2	**70.00**	1,19,000.00	6 Months
4	DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT45933/CALL-2	**70.00**	1,19,000.00	6 Months

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TMC,Srinivasapura

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IOC Q2 net surges multifold on refining margins, lower base

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

State-owned refiner Indian Oil's net profit jumped multifold (4,128%) year-on-year (YoY) to ₹7,610.45 crore in the September-ended quarter fuelled by better refining margins and a lower base effect.

Average gross refining margin, among the primary indicators of profitability, rose about 55% to $6.32 for each barrel in the first half of this financial year from $4.08 per barrel in the year-earlier period.

The refiner had registered a profit of ₹180 crore in the second quarter of last year on the back of inventory losses and reduced refining margins due to lower cracks which were largely in line with global trends back then.

Revenue increased 4.07% to about ₹2.04 lakh crore.

Chairman Arvinder Singh Sahney, without specifically mentioning about the company's purchases of Russian oil, held they would abide by all sanctions imposed by the international community.

Overall, the refiner's revenue in the September-end quarter increased 4.07% to about ₹2.04 lakh crore primarily on domestic sales which climbed 4.2% to 22.851 million metric tonne (MMT).

Refineries throughput also recorded an uptick of 5.2% to 17.608 MMT.

Indian Oil closed 3.19% up at ₹155.15 apiece on the BSE and 3.23% up at ₹155.23 apiece on the NSE.

MOSCOW

Relationship with North Korea is developing 'as planned', says Putin

AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that his country's ties with North Korea were developing "as planned" as he hosted North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui in the Kremlin. A video posted on the Kremlin's Telegram account showed Mr. Putin greet Ms. Choe, before remarking: "Everything is going as planned." AFP

MOSCOW

Russia downs 193 Ukraine drones, including 40 targeting Moscow

REUTERS

Russia's Defence Ministry said on Monday it had downed 193 Ukrainian drones overnight, with local authorities reporting one person killed in the attack. Russian forces in total downed 47 drones in Bryansk, which borders Ukraine, as well as 40 in the Moscow region, with most of those headed towards the capital. AFP

YAOUNDE

World's oldest President, Paul Biya, wins Cameroon election at 92

REUTERS

The world's oldest President, Cameroon's 92-year-old Paul Biya, won election again, the country's top court said, after days of protesters' clashes with security forces left at least four dead as opposition demanded credible results. Mr. Biya has led the nation since 1982, ruling longer than most citizens have been alive. AP

WASHINGTON

Trump rules out vice-presidential bid to stay in power after 2028

REUTERS

U.S President Donald Trump said on Monday that he would not run for Vice-President in the 2028 election, a move some supporters suggest would allow him to skirt term limits and stay in the White House. The U.S. Constitution limits Presidents to two terms, and Mr. Trump began his second in January. AFP

Japanese PM Takaichi faces her first big diplomatic test with Trump talks

The meeting will be watched closely in Delhi for any clarity between the two leaders on India's plans to host the delayed Quad summit; the visit to Japan comes just before Trump's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in South Korea

Suhasini Haidar
TOKYO

Less than a week after taking charge, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi will hold talks with U.S. President Donald Trump here on Tuesday, with trade, investments, the U.S.-Japan security alliance and Indo-Pacific cooperation on the agenda.

The meeting will be watched closely in Delhi for any clarity between the two leaders on India's plans to host the delayed Quad summit. In addition, Mr. Trump and Ms. Takaichi will fly together to the Yokosuka U.S. Naval base south of Tokyo, where the U.S. President is expected to deliver an address on board the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, *George Washington*, stationed with the American 7th fleet there. The visit to Japan comes just before Mr. Trump's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, expected to take place on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, to be held on October 29-31 in Gyeongju, South Korea.

Decisive moment: Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi at the 28th ASEAN-Japan Summit in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday. REUTERS

Shortly after landing in Tokyo on Monday, Mr. Trump called on Japan's Emperor Naruhito, as landmarks such as the Tokyo tower, Tokyo Skytree and the Metropolitan Government Building were lit up in the U.S. national colours.

"Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow and having a fruitful discussion on how we can further strengthen our great Alliance," Ms. Takaichi posted on social media, addressing Mr. Trump.

Despite the warm ties, experts are billing the meeting with Mr. Trump as Ms. Takaichi's first big "test" as Prime Minister, given the U.S. President's unfiltered and sometimes undiplomatic style.

"I think the most important objective from Trump's visit for the Japanese government is to avoid any kind of disaster. Basically, Japan would like to see the status quo to be maintained, and to not face any new or surprising demands," Hiroyuki Akita, one of Japan's most prominent columnists, who contributes to the *Nikkei* newspaper, said.

(The correspondent is visiting Japan at the invitation of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Civilians trapped in Sudan's El-Fasher as RSF 'takes' city

Agence France-Presse
PORT SUDAN

Thousands of civilians remained trapped in Sudan's stricken city of El-Fasher, with fears growing for their safety, the United Nations and local groups said on Monday, after paramilitary forces claimed control of the Army's last stronghold in the western Darfur region.

Since May 2024, El-Fasher has been besieged by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), who have been fighting a brutal war with Sudan's Army for over two years.

Footage shared by pro-democracy activists on Monday purportedly showed dozens of people lying dead on the ground alongside burned-out vehicles.

The Sudanese Journalists' Syndicate says communications, including satellite networks, have been cut off by a media blackout in the city. The syndicate expressed "deep concern for the safety of journalists" in El-Fasher.

The RSF said on Sunday they had seized control of the city. If confirmed, the city's capture would mark a significant turning point in Sudan's war.

It would give the RSF control over all five state capitals in Darfur, consolidating its parallel administration in Nyala, the capital of South Darfur.

Such a shift could potentially partition Sudan, with the Army holding the north, east and centre, and the RSF dominating Darfur and parts of the south.

Territorial gains: RSF fighters holding weapons celebrate on the streets of El-Fasher in Sudan's Darfur. AFP

Canadian PM 'ready' to resume talks with U.S., set to meet Xi

Agence France-Presse
KUALA LUMPUR

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said on Monday he was ready to talk with U.S. President Donald Trump after Washington hiked tariffs on Canadian goods by an additional 10%.

"We stand ready to sit down with the United States, myself with the President, my colleagues with their colleagues, when the U.S. is ready to sit down," Mr. Carney told reporters, after Mr. Trump said he had terminated all trade talks with Canada over what he called a "fake" advertisement campaign.

Mr. Carney was speaking on the sidelines of the ASEAN summit in Malaysia, which Mr. Trump attended, before leaving for Japan. Mr. Carney said he had not had any contact with the U.S. President in Kuala Lumpur.

Mark Carney

But he added that he had agreed to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping, with both men due at an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in South Korea.

Yunus gifts book with controversial map to Pak. General

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

A controversy has broken out after Chief Adviser of the interim government of Bangladesh Muhammad Yunus met a high-level Pakistani military visitor during the weekend and gifted him a book that depicted parts of northeast India as part of Bangladesh. The map in question was printed on the cover of a book that was presented to Chairman of Pakistan's Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) General Sahir Shamshad Mirza at the state guest house Jamuna on Saturday.

The Indian side has not yet responded to the use of the map on the cover of the book titled *Art of Triumph*. Following the meeting, Mr. Yunus's office announced that the two sides discussed "bilateral trade, investment, and defence cooperation." The visit by General Mirza took place after the August 23-24 visit to Bangladesh by Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar who asked Bangladesh to "clean hearts" and move on from the painful memories of 1971 genocide by Pakistani military forces.

"General Mirza expressed Pakistan's desire to strengthen cooperation in multiple sectors. He noted the vast potential for expanding trade, connectivity, and investment between Bangladesh and Pakistan," said the Chief Adviser's office.

Argentina President Milei vows more reforms after stunning election win

Agence France-Presse
BUENOS AIRES

Argentine President Javier Milei hailed his party's runaway victory in Sunday's midterm elections as a "turning point" for the country and vowed to charge ahead with his agenda of shrinking the state and deregulating the economy.

Mr. Milei's La Libertad Avanza (LLA) party rebounded from a series of setbacks to win 40.7% of the votes cast for members of Congress, far outpacing the opposition in an election closely watched by jittery investors.

"Today we reached a turning point. Today begins the construction of a great Argentina," the 55-year-old President told supporters at a victory party in Buenos Aires.

People's verdict: Argentina President Javier Milei reacts after the legislative midterm elections closed in Buenos Aires on Sunday. AP

He promised to continue on the reform path with what he predicted would be "the most reformist Congress in Argentina's history."

U.S. President Donald Trump, a close ally, congratulated Mr. Milei, whom he said "had a lot of help from us".

Half of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies and one-third of the Senate seats were up for grabs on Sunday.

Triple the seat count

Mr. Milei said LLA had more than tripled its seat count, winning 101 seats in the lower house Chamber of Deputies, up from 37, and 20 seats in the Senate, up from six.

The number of seats still needs to be confirmed by the final vote count this week.

IN THE HON'BLE COMMERCIAL COURT OF BENGALURU
COM.O.S. No. 650/2025

BETWEEN
Smt. Malathi N. K.
W/o Sri. Srinath S., Aged about 78 years, Residing at No. 60, AECS Layout, 3rd Stage, 2nd Main, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru - 560094,
Represented by:
Power of Attorney Holder
Sri. Vinay Srinath, S/o. Sri. Srinath S., Aged about 44 years,
Residing at, #702, Tower 05, L&T Raintree Boulevard, Bellary Road, Bengaluru - 560092. PLAINTIFF

AND

Mr. Guruprasad H. R. DEFENDANT
To Defendant
Mr. Guruprasad H. R.
#5/20, MRB Homes, 5th Cross, 10th Main, Vidhyapeeta Main Road, Balaji Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560085.

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff has filed the above suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 seeking a judgment and decree against the Defendant as to direct the Defendant to quit, vacate and deliver vacant possession of the suit Schedule Property to the Plaintiff; and to direct the Defendant to pay the rental arrears of Rs. 12,67,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Only) for the period November 2023 till March 2025and a further sum of Rs. 1,47,537/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) being interest at 18% per annum till date of suit, along with interest thereon at 18% per annum till date of payment; to direct the Defendant to pay applicable rent from April 2025 along with interest at the rate of 18% till delivery of possession; to direct the Defendant to pay costs of litigation including court fee; and other consequential reliefs.

Suit Schedule Property

Property bearing No. 39, PID No.65-45-39, 20th Main, 1st Cross, 1st Stage, 1st Phase BTM Layout, Bengaluru - 560068, measuring East to West 12.19 Mtrs and North to South 18.29 Mtrs, totally measuring 222.956 Sq. Mtrs, consisting of duplex luxury living including but not limited to living room, family room, modular kitchen, pantry, utility area, dining room, loft area, 2 stylish LED light up cantilever stairs, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms & 4 toilets, balcony, 2 car parking, RCC roofing along with sun roof with electricity & water (corporation & borewell) facilities.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through a Pleader on 25-11-2025 at 11a.m., to answer to the same, failing which the suit will be disposed of ex parte, holding you liable for all costs.

Given under my hand & seal of this Hon'ble Court, this 15th day of October 2025.

By Order of the Court.
Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Rajagopal & Menon, Advocates, #3022, High Point 3, 45/1, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಡಿಎಂ/ಸಿಆರ್/23/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16-10-2025

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ಆಸಕ್ತ ನುರಿತ ಅನುಭವಿ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಕೀಲರು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.10.2025 ರಿಂದ 10.11.2025 ರೊಳಗೆ** ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕಂದಾಯ ಭವನ ಹಿಂಭಾಗ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಆಪ್ತ ಶಾಖೆಗೆ **ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10:00 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ ಸಂಜೆ 5:30 ರ** ಒಳಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ. ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯದ ನಂತರ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ವಿವರ:

Post Designation	Qualification		Relevant Experience		No of Post	Contract Wage Per Month
	Basic	Preference	Basic	Preference		
Legel Co-ordinator [to work in the office of the District Commissioner Bangalore Urban District]	LLB. LLM Registered at Bar Council of Karnataka	Practical Work	Minimum of 8 years experience in High Court & Civil Court	Minimum of 4 years experience in legal co-ordinating with public/Govt. Institution in High Court & Civil Courts	1	60,000/-

The Position to be filed is a post created by the Revenue Department Government of Karnataka vide different Government Orders and is renewable year on year. It is a post on contract, renewable on satisfactory performance, not a permanent government service.

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of President of India, sealed **item rate E-Tenders** is invited online from Contractors of appropriate class for the following works.

1	Name of Work	**Replacement of Indoor cubicle type HT 5 VCB Panel at sub station in SCC campus, ISTRAC, Bengaluru**	**Replacement of 01 No of existing 500kVA DG Set with New 750kVA DG set at MOX campus, ISTRAC, Peenya, Bengaluru**
2	E-Tenders Notice	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/CON/E-Tender-81/ 2025-2026 Dated: 27.10.2025**	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/CON/E-Tender-82/ 2025-2026 Dated: 27.10.2025**
3	Estimated cost put to tender	**Rs. 105.76 Lakhs**	**Rs. 129.88 Lakhs**
4	Tender Document details	**E-Tenders**	**E-Tenders**
5	Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	**Six (06) Months**	**Five (05) Months**
6	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	**From 16.00 hrs on 28.10.2025 to 19.11.2025 till 16.00 hrs.**	
7	Bid clarification	**From 11.00 hrs on 29.10.2025 to 20.11.2025 till 16.00 hrs.**	
8	Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification	**21.11.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**	
9	Last date & time of receipt of tenders	**22.11.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**	
10	Due date and time of opening of tenders	**24.11.2025 after 11.00 hrs.**	
11	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 2,11,520.00**	**Rs.2,59,760.00**

2. For eligibility criteria and other details, Interested tenderers may please refer **detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tender** (NIT) on the website:**https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG

BACKING THE SKIPPER

'Surya's batting form doesn't concern me, failures are inevitable'

FILE PHOTO

India head coach Gautam Gambhir is not perturbed by T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav's poor form. "Honestly, Surya's batting form doesn't concern me because we have committed to an ultra-aggressive template in our dressing room. When you embrace this philosophy, failures are inevitable," Gambhir said.

DRAWING FIRST BLOOD

West Indies gets the better of Bangladesh in opening T20I

AFP

West Indies beat Bangladesh by 16 runs in the opening T20I at Chattogram on Monday. **The scores:** West Indies 165/3 in 20 overs (Athanaze 34, King 33, Hope 46 n.o., Powell 44 n.o.) bt Bangladesh 149 in 19.4 overs (Tanzim 33, Seales 3/32, Holder 3/31). **Toss:** West Indies: **PoM:** Powell.

STEPPING IN

Cummins ruled out of Ashes opener, Smith to lead Australia

FILE PHOTO

Australia captain Pat Cummins has been ruled out of the first Ashes Test due to a back injury, with Steve Smith set to lead the side in his absence. "We've run out of time," said head coach Andrew McDonald. "We've run out of time, unfortunately, but really optimistic and hopeful for the second Test match".

ON A ROLL

Dabang Delhi moves into the final; Pirates book spot in Eliminator 3

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Dabang Delhi edged out Puneri Paltan 6-4 in the tiebreaker, after the teams were tied 34-34 in regulation time, to reach the final of PKL-12 in New Delhi on Monday. Earlier, Patna Pirates beat Bengaluru Bulls 46-37 in Eliminator 2 to book a spot in Eliminator 3 against Telugu Titans on Wednesday.

Wet weather dashes hopes and dampens spirits in mega event

A string of washouts work in favour of the Women in Blue; the decision to host games in Colombo in October, its wettest month, raises eyebrows

Stop-start-stop: The 2025 edition saw three times as many No Results or abandonments than the last four combined. EMMANUAL YOGINI

ODI WORLD CUP

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GUWAHATI

A retiring Sophie Devine. Legends like Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu and India's Harmanpreet Kaur captaining in their first, and potentially last, ODI World Cup.

An England side out to set right its run of underwhelming results ahead of the showpiece. An ambitious Bangladesh and Pakistan looking to punch above their weight.

Despite the many incredibly dramatic storylines on offer, it is precipitation that has ended up as the infamous top performer in the ongoing Women's ODI World Cup.

Of the 28 games played so far, 10 were affected by rain and six washed out. There have been three times as many weather-related No Results or abandonments in this edition as in the last four combined (two of 112 fixtures).

This inadvertently worked in India's favour.

A string of washouts in Colombo coincided with India losing three games in a row to South Africa, Australia, and England. New Zealand felt the pinch the most, with both its games on the island washed out, leading to a league-stage exit.

Pakistan's political tensions with India necessitated a neutral venue in Colombo. But the ICC and BCCI's decision to zero in on a city, deep into its monsoon and storm season, has raised eyebrows; so did the blanket call to host all games but one at 3 p.m. The only 11 a.m. fixture, between New Zealand and England, was scheduled to accommodate the tournament's only double header.

"I hope in future editions, they think of playing earlier in the day. We have seen the rain at starts in the evening, so play at 10 or 11. For the game, to be scuppered by rain is a real shame for me," a visibly annoyed Devine said after the rained-out game against Pakistan.

For Pakistan and Sri Lanka, on the other hand, this tournament was a chance to rub shoulders with the likes of England, Australia, and even India, which cannot play Pakistan in bilaterals.

"ICC must arrange good venues for World Cups because we are waiting for four years. We have not played much cricket in the recent past," Pakistan skipper Fatima Sana lamented after being condemned to a damp farewell from the event.

October is Colombo's wettest month, with the city seeing an average of over 350mm of rain. The 2025 edition has left Lankan shores, but the threat of rain lingers over the final week of the tournament. Thankfully, both semifinals and the final have reserve days.

X-factor: The selectors have opted for Shafali's aggression at the top of the order in the big game. FILE PHOTO

India calls up Shafali as replacement for Pratika ahead of semis

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Dashing opener Shafali Verma was on Monday named as an injury replacement for Pratika Rawal ahead of India's Women's ODI World Cup semifinal against powerhouse Australia.

Pratika has been ruled out of the tournament after sustaining a right ankle injury during the rain-hit clash against Bangladesh at the D.Y. Patil Stadium on Sunday.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed Shafali's inclusion in place of Pratika through a media release. Once Pratika's injury was deemed serious on Monday morning, it was clear that either Tejal Hasabnis – named as a standby – or Shafali would be drafted into the squad ahead of Thursday's semifinal at the same venue.

The Hindu understands that the newly appointed selection panel, chaired by Amita Sharma, decided to go with Shafali in consultation with the team management.

The selectors were keen to inject aggression at the top of the order against a strong Australian attack.

Shafali's omission from the original squad by the previous Neetu David-led committee had raised eyebrows, and her recall now marks a significant turnaround. Shafali, who was in Surat to represent Haryana in the Women's T20 Trophy, joined the squad later in the day.

Pratika's injury has come as a huge blow to India's campaign. The opener has been one of the side's standout performers, amassing 308 runs in six innings, making her the second-highest run-getter in the competition.

Her flourishing partnership with Smriti Mandhana played a vital role in India sealing a place in the semifinals.

The injury occurred in the 21st over of the Bangladesh innings when Pratika slipped on the wet outfield while attempting to save a second run. She appeared to have twisted her ankle and hurt her knee.

Although a stretcher was brought onto the field, she managed to limp off with the support of her teammates.

Shreyas Iyer admitted to Sydney hospital after suffering internal bleeding

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Nasty fall: Shreyas sustained an injury while taking a diving catch to dismiss Carey in the third ODI. AFP

India's ODI vice-captain Shreyas Iyer has been admitted to a hospital in Sydney after suffering internal bleeding resulting from a rib cage injury sustained during the third one-dayer against Australia.

Shreyas, who took a brilliant catch while running backwards from backward point to dismiss Alex Carey, appeared to have injured his left rib cage in the process.

According to sources, Shreyas fainted in the dressing room and his vital parameters were alarmingly low.

He was rushed to the hospital soon after with scans revealing he sustained a "laceration injury to the spleen".

"Shreyas sustained an impact injury to his left lower rib cage region... he was taken to the hospital for further evaluation. Scans have revealed a laceration injury to the spleen. He is under treatment, medically stable, and recovering well," the BCCI said in a statement on Monday.

"The BCCI medical team, in consultation with specialists in Sydney and India, is closely monitoring his injury status. The Indian team doctor will remain in Sydney with Shreyas to evaluate his day-to-day progress," the statement added.

The 30-year-old will remain under observation for two to seven days.

Initially, Shreyas was expected to be out of action for about three weeks, but the recovery period may now be longer.

"Since there has been internal bleeding, he will certainly need more time to recover, and at this point, it's difficult to put a definite timeline on his return to competitive cricket," the source said.

Shreyas is expected to remain in the Sydney hospital for at least a week before being declared fit to travel back to India. He is not part of India's T20I squad.

Dominant Norris wins Mexican GP, takes a one-point lead over Piastri

FORMULA ONE

Reuters
MEXICO CITY

Not only did Lando Norris crush the field on Sunday at the Mexico City Grand Prix, he squeezed past McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri to take a narrow lead in the Formula 1 Drivers' Championship race.

Norris took advantage of pole position to lead from start to finish 30.324s ahead of Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, Max Verstappen (Red Bull), Oliver Bearman (Haas) and Piastri.

The results: 1. Norris (McLaren) 1h, 37m, 58.574s; 2. Leclerc (Ferrari) +30.324; 3. Verstappen (Red Bull) 31.049; 4. Bearman (Haas) 40.955; 5. Piastri (McLaren) 42.065; 6. Antonelli (Mercedes) 47.837; 7. Russell (Mercedes) 50.287; 8. Hamilton (Ferrari) 56.446; 9. Ocon (Haas) 75.464; 10. Borteleto (Sauber) 76.863; 11. Tsunoda (Red Bull) 79.048. **+1 lap:** 12. Albon (Williams); 13. Hadjar (Racing Bulls); 14. Stroll (Aston Martin); 15. Gasly (Alpine); 16. Colapinto (Alpine). **DNF:** Sainz Jr. (Williams); Alonso (Aston Martin); Hulkenberg (Sauber); Lawson (Racing Bulls).
Standings: Drivers: 1. Norris (357 points); 2. Piastri (356); 3. Verstappen (321); 4. Russell (258); 5. Leclerc (210).
Constructors: 1. McLaren (713); 2. Mercedes (356); 3. Ferrari (355); 4. Red Bull (346); 5. Williams (111).

THE JOURNEY IN NUMBERS AFTER THE 71-LAP RACE IN MEXICO

Lights to flag

30.324 seconds - Norris' winning margin was the biggest since Hungary 2023 when Verstappen won by 33.731s

1 McLaren won in Mexico for the first time since 1989 with Senna

1 Norris became the first driver to force a change at the top of the drivers' championship in the final five rounds of a season in the hybrid era

1 Antonelli finished ahead of Mercedes teammate Russell for the first time this season

2 Norris is only the second driver, after Schumacher, to win the first 10 races at 10 different circuits

2 With his 10th career win, the Brit became the second most successful driver in the ground effect era, well behind Verstappen (48)

4 Bearman tied Haas' best-ever result (Grosjean finished fourth at the 2018 Austrian GP)

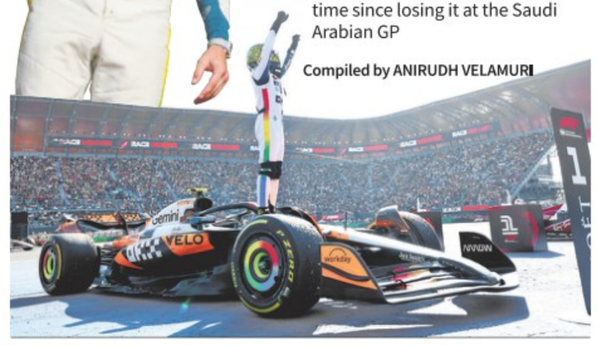
30 McLaren joined Mercedes and Red Bull as the only teams to record 30 podiums in a single season

30 The number of laps Haas has completed in a podium position in its history

123 Verstappen is now third on F1's all-time podium list, behind only Hamilton (202) and Schumacher (155)

189 days - Norris regained the championship lead for the first time since losing it at the Saudi Arabian GP

Compiled by ANIRUDH VELAMURI



Bavuma to lead the Proteas against India

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JOHANNESBURG

Bavuma. GETTY IMAGES

Captain Temba Bavuma returned to the South Africa squad on Monday for the two-Test series in India after recovering from a calf injury. The series begins on November 14 with matches scheduled in Guwahati and Kolkata.

Bavuma was not part of the recent two-match series in Pakistan that his team drew with the hosts.

Majority of the squad from the Pakistan series has been retained with David Bedingham making way for Bavuma.

Bavuma, who led his team to the title in the previous World Test Championship cycle, is also likely to play the preceding shadow series against India-A beginning in Bengaluru on November 2.

South Africa spin trio of Simon Harmer, Keshav Maharaj and Senuran Muthusamy had made big impact on the turning tracks in Pakistan and they could trouble the Indian batters.

The squad: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Aiden Markram, Ryan Rickelton, Tristan Stubbs, Kyle Verreynne, Dewald Brevis, Zubayr Hamza, Tony de Zorzi, Corbin Bosch, Wiaan Mulder, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Senuran Muthusamy, Kagiso Rabada and Simon Harmer.

Spurs too good for Everton

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
LIVERPOOL

Heady start! van de Ven slotting in the first of his two goals. REUTERS

Two headed goals by Tottenham Hotspur's Micky van de Ven helped his side to a 3-0 Premier League win over Everton on Sunday as the visitors became the first team to win in the Merseyside club's new stadium. Tottenham made a sluggish start but took the lead in the 19th minute when Dutch defender van de Ven nodded in from virtually on the goal line following a corner.

Jake O'Brien thought he had equalised but his header was disallowed for an infringement on Tottenham goalkeeper Guglielmo Vicario. Van de Ven doubled Tottenham's lead with another close-range header from another corner in first-half stoppage time.

Pape Matar Sarr headed a late third to secure the victory that lifted Tottenham to third in the table with 17 points. Everton is 14th with 11 points.

The results:
LaLiga: Mallorca 1 (Maffeo 79) drew with Levante 1 (Etta Eyong 22); Osasuna 2 (Budimir 37-pen, 45+1) lost to Celta Vigo 3 (Jutgla 26, 69, Duran 87); Rayo Vallecano 1 (Alemao 90+1) bt Alaves 0.
Premier League: Everton 0 lost to Tottenham 3 (van de Ven 19, 45+6, Sarr 89).
Serie A: Torino 2 (Sabelli 63-og, Maripan 90) bt Genoa 1 (Thorsby 7); Sassuolo 0 lost to Roma 1 (Dybala 16); Verona 2 (Gagliardini 23, Orban 59) drew with Cagliari 2 (Idrissi 77, Felici 90+2); Fiorentina 2 (Gudmundsson 73-pen, Kean 90+3-pen) drew with Bologna 2 (Castro 25, Cambiaghi 52); Lazio 1 (Basic 9) bt Juventus 0.
Bundesliga: Stuttgart 2 (Fuehrich 45+4, Undav 79) bt Mainz 1 (Amiri 41-pen); Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Poku 22, Tapsoba 52) bt Freiburg 0.

INBRIEF

R. RAGU

Chennai Open matches cancelled on Monday

Constant drizzle forced the cancellation of all the matches of the WTA 250 Chennai Open in Chennai on Monday. There were three inspections at 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. After the third and final inspection, the announcement was made by Hiten Joshi, Tournament Director. Sixteen matches will be held on Tuesday.

Indians in action on Tuesday: Vaishnavi Adkar vs Donna Vekic (Croatia); Maaya Rajeshwaran vs Shrivalli Bhamidipaty; Sahaja Yamalapalli vs Priska Nugroho (Indonesia).

Anahat Singh storms into Canadian Open quarterfinals

Anahat Singh upset World No. 20 Melissa Alves of France to enter the the quarterfinals of the Canadian Open squash in Toronto. The Indian defeated sixth seed Melissa 12-10, 12-10, 8-11, 11-2 on Sunday. Anahat will next face second seed Tinne Gilis of Belgium. At the Toronto Athletic Club Open, Veer Chotrani lost to England's Perry Malik 11-7, 11-5, 9-11, 5-11, 11-5 in the round-of-16.

Hyderabad races scheduled for October 31 cancelled

The Stewards of the Hyderabad Race Club have decided to cancel the races to be held on Friday, October 31, due to administrative reasons.

Juventus sacks coach Tudor after eight-match winless run

Juventus have sacked head coach Igor Tudor after failing to win their last eight matches in all competitions, the Serie A club said on Monday. "Juventus FC announces that it has today relieved Igor Tudor of his duties as coach of the men's first team, along with his staff," the Italian club said in a statement. Massimo Brambilla, head coach of the reserve team, will temporarily take over as the first team manager, the club added.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
Serie A: DAZN, 11 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Wednesday)

Arjun and Redkar to Goa's rescue on another wet day

The two lower-order batters dig in with an unbroken half-century stand after the Karnataka pacers Kaverappa and Abhilash reduce the visitors to 115 for six in their first innings

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
SHIVAMOGGA

Weather and Karnataka haven't been on good terms in recent times.

On Monday at the KSCA Navule Stadium here, they fell out again, with overnight rain and bad light eating up almost two hours of playing time and halting the hosts' charge towards securing the first-innings lead.

By stumps on day three, Goa, from 28 for one, had reached 171 for six in reply to Karnataka's 371. Credit should also be given to the visitors' lower middle-order for digging its heels in, for Snehal Kauthankar's side was 51 for four at one stage and then 115 for six.

Arjun Tendulkar (43 batting, 115b, 5x4, 1x6) and Mohit Redkar (24 batting, 54b, 2x4) resisted Karnataka's advance, putting on 56 unbeaten runs for the seventh wicket from 142 balls.

After play started an hour late, Vidwath Kaverappa and Abhilash Shetty, under largely overcast skies, came up with excellent spells, bowling a nagging line and mostly in the good-length area.

Kaverappa drew first blood, having Suyash Prabhudessai caught behind, before Abhilash sent back Kauthankar, also caught by wicket-keeper K.L. Shrijith.

When Abhinav Tejrana edged Kaverappa to Nikin Jose in the cordon, Goa was down in the dumps.

Some dogged batting from Lalit Yadav (36, 96b, 3x4) and Darshan Misal (12, 84b, 1x4) stemmed the rot, but right-arm pace-bowling all-rounder Yashovardhan Parantap proved the partnership-breaker as he forced Misal to edge to Karun Nair at slip.

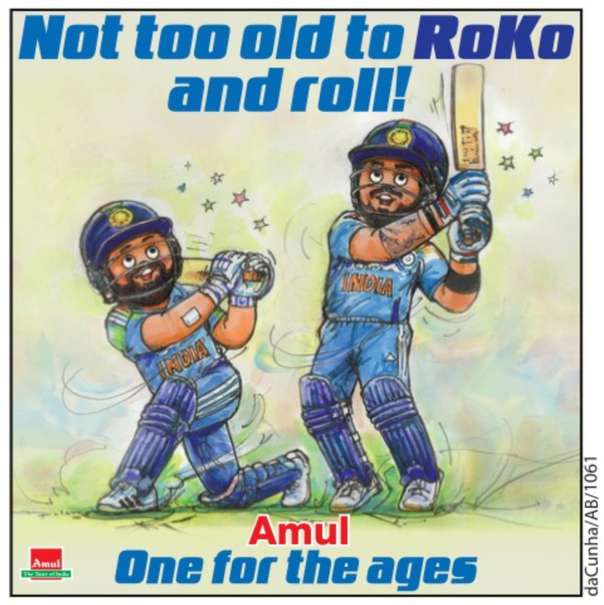
A suffocating phase of play ensued as Arjun and Lalit were kept silent for nearly 10 overs, allowed to score at just above a run an over.

But an attempted pressure-releasing pull from Lalit off Abhilash proved fatal as the ball went straight to Parantap at short square-leg.

Arjun and Redkar ensured Goa lived to fight another day. Some more resolve and a continuation of Karnataka's strained relationship with the weather may offer an escape route.

Digging in: Arjun has played a patient knock to help Goa stay afloat. N. SUDARSHAN

The scores: Karnataka — 1st innings: 371 in 110.1 overs.
Goa — 1st innings: Manthan Khutkar c Shrijith b Abhilash 9, Suyash Prabhudessai c Shrijith b Kaverappa 12, Abhinav Tejrana c Jose b Kaverappa 18, Snehal Kauthankar c Shrijith b Abhilash 10, Lalit Yadav c Parantap b Abhilash 36, Darshan Misal c Karun b Parantap 12, Arjun Tendulkar (batting) 43, Mohit Redkar (batting) 24; Extras: (b-2, lb-4, nb-1): 7; Total (for six wkts. in 77 overs): 171.
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-29, 3-47, 4-51, 5-100, 6-115.
Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 18-5-30-2, Abhilash 18-3-63-3, Parantap 16-6-18-1, Vyshak 17-2-41-0, Shreyas 8-2-13-0.



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RANJI SCORES, ROUND 2 (DAY 3)

Elite: Group A: At Vizianagaram: Baroda 363 vs. Andhra 43/2 in 16 overs.
Kanpur: Odisha 243 vs. Uttar Pradesh 380/6 in 128 overs (Madhav Kaushik 67, Karan Sharma 121, Aaradhya Yadav 101).
Bengaluru: Tamil Nadu 512/3 decl. vs. Nagaland 365/5 in 127 overs (Dega Nischal 161 batting, Yugandhar 67, Imliwati Lemtur 115 batting, Gurjapneet Singh 4/57).
Nagpur: Jharkhand 332 vs. Vidarbha 239/2 in 88 overs (Aman Mokhade 144 batting, Dhruv Shorey 48).
Group B: Chandigarh: Maharashtra 313 & 359/3 decl. in 52 overs (Prithvi Shaw 222, S.A. Veer 62) vs. Chandigarh 209 & 129/1 in 34 overs (Arjun Azad 63 batting, Manan Vohra 53 batting).
Shivamogga: Karnataka 371 vs. Goa 171/6 in 77 overs (Arjun Tendulkar 43 batting).
Rajkot: Saurashtra 260 vs. Madhya Pradesh 355/9 in 135 overs (Yash Dubey 159, Saransh Jain 103 batting, Jaydev Unadkat 4/33).
New Chandigarh: Punjab 436 vs. Kerala 247/6 in 87 overs (Ankit Sharma 62, Rohan S. Kunnummal 43).
Group C: Kolkata: Bengal 279 & 170/6 in 48 overs (Sudip Kumar Gharami 54, Anustup Majumdar 44 batting, S.A. Desai 4/48) vs. Gujarat 167 in 76.3 overs (M.A. Hingrajia 80 n.o., Shahbaz Ahmed 6/34).
Ramnagar: Railways 333 vs. Uttarakhand 310/5 in 122 overs (Kunal Chandel 50, Yuvraj Choudhary 92, Bhupen Lalwani 78).
Group D: Puducherry: Hyderabad 435 vs. Pondicherry 92/8 in 34 overs (Anand Singh Bais 41).
Mumbai: Mumbai 416 in 133.3 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 159, S.D. Lad 80, Akash Anand 61, A.A. Sarvate 5/103) vs. Chhattisgarh 175/6 in 60.3 overs (Ayush Pandey 50, Shashank Chandrakar 43).
Srinagar: Rajasthan 152 & 89 in 29.5 overs (Auqib Nabi 7/24) lost to Jammu & Kashmir 282. **J&K 7, Rajasthan 0**.
New Delhi: Delhi 430 & 196/4 in 32 overs (Ayush Doseja 62 batting, Yash Dhull 70) vs. Himachal 297 in 91.4 overs (S.R. Purohit 70, A.K. Bains 43, A.P. Vashist 62).
Plate: Shillong: Sikkim 346 & 96/2 in 25 overs (Ashish Thapa 49 batting) vs. Meghalaya 405 in 123.3 overs (Arpit Subhas 200, Kishan Lyndoh 102, Kranthi Kumar 6/86).
Nadiad: Manipur 387/6 in 117 overs (Ulenyai Khwairakpam 42, M. Ronald 41, Johnson 41, K. Priyojit 186 batting, A.L. Bashid 45) vs. Bihar.
Ahmedabad: Arunachal 187 vs. Mizoram 389/6 in 115 overs (Sahil Reza, Armaan Jaffer 144, Thankhuma 46, Muanzuala 55 batting).

High time KSCA election dates are announced, says Venkatesh Prasad

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

Former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad on Monday urged Karnataka State Cricket Association's incumbent administrators to conduct elections rather than clinging on to peripheral clauses in the by-law to delay the proceedings.

Prasad along with seasoned administrator Vinay Mruthyunjaya and former Indian women's cricket team captain Shanta Rangaswamy said the elections should be initiated at the earliest to avoid the prevailing state of chaos in the association.

Prasad.
FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

"We have all been waiting for the announcement (of the election) to happen. It was supposed to happen long back and by this time a new committee should have taken over the running of the association," said Prasad during a select media gathering.

"So, obviously, you know, it (election) was supposed to be held before 30th of September according to rule and the KSCA by-law. So, I think it's high time the people who are running the show now at KSCA should call for an election," he added.

The tenure of the current regime headed by BCCI treasurer Raghuram Bhatt ended on September 30, but a definite date for election is yet to be announced, though the speculation was that the polls would be conducted either in October or November.

The KSCA secretary A. Shankar and treasurer E.S. Jairam had resigned taking the moral responsibility for the stampede near Chinnaswamy Stadium following Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL triumph.

Indians shine at surfing competition in Taiwan

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The Indian surfing team, representing Surfing Federation of India (SFI), delivered an outstanding performance at the 2025 Pingtung Jialeshuei Asian ProAm Surf Series in Taiwan from October 22 to 26.

Eight Indian surfers competed in the event, showcasing remarkable skill and consistency against some of Asia's best surfers.

Kishore Kumar earned silver in men's shortboard division, while Sivaraj Babu finished fourth.

In women's division, Sugar Shanthi Gayen secured fourth place, while Kamali Prakash, Shrishti Selvam, and Sandhya Arunkumar gained valuable international experience.

World champion Gukesh eyes glory in FIDE World Cup

Press Trust of India
PANAJI

World chess champion D. Gukesh is looking forward to returning to Goa, a venue that holds fond memories from his early playing days, as he prepares to lead the Indian challenge at the prestigious FIDE World Cup starting here on Friday.

The FIDE World Cup, one of the most significant events on the global chess calendar, returns to India after 23 years.

The tournament will be held at a resort in North Goa from October 31 to November 27, offering a total prize fund of $2 million.

"I am really excited about the World Cup. Playing anywhere in India is great and I have some great memories of Goa. I have played some junior events there. So, looking forward to being there," said Gukesh, who will start as the top seed in the competition.

Numero Uno: Gukesh is the top seed in the competition. FIDE

The 19-year-old last competed in Goa in 2019, finishing 10th in the Category 'A' Goa International Open Grandmasters Chess Tournament despite being seeded much lower at the start.

A field of 206 players from 82 countries will compete in the knockout-format event, with the top three finishers qualifying for the 2026 Candidates Tournament.

Gukesh has received a bye in the opening round and is likely to face Kazybek Nogerbek of Kazakhstan in the second.

Another top player who is looking forward to pocket the winner's purse of $120,000 is Dutch Grandmaster Anish Giri.

Having already sealed his spot in the Candidates 2026, which will decide the challenger for Gukesh in the next World Championships cycle, Giri will have a little less pressure going into the tournament.

"The World Cup it's a great event and I am going to play it regardless," said Giri.

Sindhu to miss rest of the 2025 season

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Indian shuttler P.V. Sindhu has decided to withdraw from all remaining BWF Tour events in 2025 to focus on complete recovery from a foot injury.

"After consulting with my team, we felt it was best for me to withdraw from all remaining BWF Tour events in 2025," she said.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Shashikumar's shines with a six-for

Off-spinner K. Shashikumar's six for 56 helped Karnataka gain the first-innings lead over Uttar Pradesh in the BCCI Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy under-23 match at Meerut.

The scores: Karnataka 235 in 75.1 overs (E.J. Jasper 38, K.P. Karthikeya 31, Hardik Raj 54 n.o, Shubham Mishra 3/65, Kartik Yadav 4/40) and 50/2 in 19 overs (Aneeshwar Gautam 32 n.o.) vs. Uttar Pradesh 215 in 83.1 overs (Rituraj Sharma 48, Sameer Rizvi 36, Hardik Raj 3/79, K. Shashikumar 6/56).

Karnataka women win

Karnataka defeated Mumbai by 62 runs in the BCCI under-19 women's T20 trophy at Nagpur.

The scores: Karnataka 134/7 in 20 overs (Rachitha Hatwar 38, Jeeya Mandrawadkar 3/17) bt Mumbai 72 in 14.5 overs (Deeksha Honushree 4/10).

Tagru does the 'trick as Kodagu routs Rebels

Kodagu FC whipped Rebels FC 6-0 in the KSFA Super Division football league in Bengaluru on Monday.

The results: South United FC 2 (Farhan Fayaz 71, Milind Negi 90) bt Roots FC 0; Kodagu FC 6 (Tagru 20, 42, 63, Mrinal Muthanna 68, Singh Rathore 23, C.K. Kariappa 90) bt Rebels FC 0; Sporting Club Bengaluru 1 (Ishaan Mittal 58) bt FC Bengaluru United 0.

Pakistan meets depleted South Africa in T20I series

Associated Press
RAWALPINDI

Babar Azam gets an opportunity to answer all the questions from white-ball coach Mike Hesson over his technique in T20I cricket when Pakistan takes on South Africa in a three-match series starting on Tuesday.

Since taking over in July, Hesson has favoured Sahibzada Farhan, Saim Ayub and Fakhar Zaman for the top three batting slots.

The absence of Fakhar for the series against South Africa has forced Hesson to "endorse" Babar at No. 3.

"That's created an opportunity for another top-order player and it's a great opportunity to get Babar back into the squad," Hesson said.

"He's likely to bat at three so it's a role that I'm very confident that he'll be able to do well, and it also gives our squad some options coming into the World Cup."

Spotlight: Hesson backs Babar to come good at the crucial No. 3 position. FILE PHOTO

Injury to David Miller forced the Proteas to hand over the T20 captaincy to Donovan Ferreira, who recently endured a shocking four-wicket loss to Namibia in a one-off game.

The series will also mark the return of Quinton de Kock in white-ball format after the left-hander reversed his ODI retirement last month.

He hasn't played in the shortest format since South Africa lost last year's T20 World Cup final to India.